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"My long-standing objection to those bingo variations," he said, "is that they have never provided real benefit or real entertainment to all a paper's readers. The Gourmet Club is in a class quite apart. It will be fun, and it will be educational. But there are true benefits and saving for all."

Mr Preston added: "We had hoped to have all cards distributed at this point, but unauthorised and inaccurate leaking of the plan in The Times (March 28) has led to an adjustment to schedules."

Full details of how it will work and of the launch press conference: Page 13

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Disruption likely from today as productivity talks break down

Postal workers threaten walk-out

By Patrick Wintour, Labour Staff

Widespread and worsening disruption of the national mail service appears unavoidable this week after Post Office management decided yesterday to impose unilaterally a series of productivity changes in the teeth of opposition from the Union of Communication Workers.

The flashpoint may come today at Britain's largest sorting office, Mount Pleasant in central London. Management is threatening to suspend sorters who refuse to operate a new electronic coding machine.

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at the sorting office. The UCUW general secretary, Mr Alan Tiffin, yesterday instructed his members not to work the machine from today and warned that suspensions will lead to a walkout by all 3,000 Mount Pleasant staff.

The UCUW executive will consider further retaliatory action tomorrow, and is unlikely to stage a national strike. Nonetheless, disruption at Mount Pleasant will have a speedy cumulative impact on the whole postal service.

The year-long trial period for the optical character recognition machine at Mount Pleasant expired last night. With the breakdown of the national talks over the weekend, management no longer has an



Alan Tiffin: 'We will black transferred mail'

agreement with the unions to operate the machine.

Sir Ronald Dearing, the Post Office chairman, said last night: "The machine will not be switched off. We will instruct our postmen to continue using it." Mr Tiffin responded by saying: "If the Post Office provoke a confrontation by sending our members home, other workers will walk out. Attempts to transfer mail from Mount Pleasant will be blocked."

It is thought likely that most UCUW members will abide by their union's instruction. Only two or three employees are needed to work the machine.

Mr Robert McCrindle, Tory MP for Brentwood and Ongar, called yesterday for an emergency parliamentary debate on the issue today. He also demanded a no-strike agreement and an end to the Post Office's monopoly as a first step towards the privatisation of the postal services.

"Postal services are as fundamental to the efficient functioning of the nation as water, electricity, or the health service. Strikes should be made illegal within all these essential services where there is no competition available," he said.

"Ultimately, the Post Office should be privatised with survival dependent on an ability to deliver letters and packages on time and at a competitive price."

The breakdown of talks over the productivity improvements — which management describes as "the most important this century" — came after nine hours of negotiations on Saturday. The union refused to accept an increase in the number of part-time and casual staff. Concessions were made by the union on a series of other issues, but its five to one. But at the weekend talks, Mr Tiffin pleaded with management not to recruit part-time staff this month in order to give him time to persuade his union's annual conference to drop opposition to such staff.

A special conference of the UCUW three weeks ago blocked any extension of part-time staff by a margin of five to one. But at the weekend talks, Mr Tiffin pleaded with management not to recruit part-time staff this month in order to give him time to persuade his union's annual conference to drop opposition to such staff.

Management refused, saying: Turn to back page, col. 3

Bodies mutilated in Chile kidnap

From Malcolm Coad in Santiago

The mutilated bodies of a Chilean teachers' leader, a church human rights officer, and a 64-year-old artist, all kidnapped last week by presumed pro-government death squads, were found at the weekend in a country road near Santiago's international airport.

Manuel Guerrero, president of Santiago's Teachers' Association, and Jose Manuel Parada, who worked in the legal department of the Catholic Church's human rights office, the Solidaridad Vicariate, were shot on Friday at the gates of the school where Mr Guerrero taught, and where Mr Parada's children were pupils.

The painter, Santiago Nattio Allende, was kidnapped the previous evening in central Santiago with four other leaders of the Teachers' Union, including its general secretary, Alejandro Traverso. The four

teachers were released at different points in Santiago on Saturday, saying that they had been beaten and tortured with electric shocks by their captors, and interrogated about the union's activities.

Another teacher, Leopoldo Munoz, is gravely ill in hospital after being shot in the stomach while trying to prevent the school kidnapping.

All three victims had their throats cut, and the bodies had been slashed.

Yesterday's Palm Sunday mass in Santiago cathedral was dedicated to the three victims. But the homily by the Archbishop of Santiago, Mr Juan Francisco Fresno, was interrupted as police with water cannons and batons dispersed 300 young people demonstrating outside against the murders.

Water from the cannon was shot into the cathedral, while police beat demonstrators in the street.

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Kennedy hints he will stand for President

From Alex Brummer in Washington

Kennedy fever gripped America's news media yesterday after the Massachusetts senator hinted that he would seek the presidency in 1988.

"I'd like to be President some day," Senator Edward Kennedy told the Boston Globe at the weekend. He said that the family factors which had kept him out of the race for the 1984 Democratic nomination were less pressing.

Senator Kennedy's comments follow a mid-winter speech he made last week in Hempstead, New York, outlining his ideas for reviving the Democratic Party after its defeat by President Reagan in November.

Mr Kennedy, apparently setting out a blueprint for his own leadership of the party, said the Democrats must reinvigorate themselves by learning to do more with less and leading a country, "not a collection of divided and contending groups."

The combination of the speech and his comments to the Boston Globe has set off the kind of broadcasting and newspaper type which only Kennedy, however flawed, can produce in the US. Some of the main network television led their news bulletins on the speculation, noting that Boston Democrats, with close relations to the Kennedy clan, were not surprised by his renewed interest in the White House.

Senator Kennedy last ran for president in 1980 when he challenged the incumbent, Jimmy Carter, for the Democratic Party nomination. His candidacy crumbled amidst poor publicity resulting from his role 10 years earlier in Chappaquiddick, when a young woman died, and his disappointing television showing. Former President Carter said last week that Senator Kennedy's entry in the 1980 race may have been the critical factor in handing the White House to the Republicans.

In his interview in Boston the senator said: "I will maintain my political committee and contacts, that could be activated should any decision come." The formation of such political committees, which are used for fund-raising in presidential campaigns, is seen in US politics as tantamount to an early declaration of candidacy.

The first Democratic primaries still nearly four years away, the shape of the 1988 Democratic presidential field is already beginning to emerge. Senator Gary Hart of Colorado is contemplating dropping out of the senate in 1986 to mount a second attempt: Governor Mario Cuomo of New York refuses to rule out the possibility and Mr Lee Iacocca, the chairman of the Chrysler Corporation, is seen in some quarters as a candidate with the necessary popularity in the country to mount an outsider's bid.

In his Hempstead speech, at a seminar in memory of his assassinated brother, President John F. Kennedy, the senator accused Democrats of losing "the feeling of hope, the spirit of change, that marked the party in the past." He called for a re-examination of the party's positions in the light of the realities of the 1980s.

We cannot and should not depend on higher tax revenues to roll in and reform every costly programme," said Senator Kennedy.



The holed Hoverspeed ferry Princess Margaret, pictured yesterday as the damage was being inspected

Ferry inquiry likely

By Penny Cheriton

A GOVERNMENT inquiry is expected into the weekend accident at Dover where a hoverspeed carrying 378 passengers was hung on to a breakwater, killing two people, injuring 36, and leaving two missing, presumed dead.

An inspector from the transport department is examining the Hoverspeed craft, Princess Margaret, which had a large hole torn in her side. A fierce gust of wind is thought to have caught her broadside on as she entered the harbour in rough seas.

The victims included a family of four from Northamptonshire who were sitting close to the point of impact. Mr John Roberts, aged 40, a schoolteacher, was killed. His son, Thomas, aged 10, was treated for exposure at Dover before being collected by relatives.

The other dead passenger was named last night as Mrs Margarita Schumann, aged 72, from Sao Paulo, Brazil, who was on holiday with her husband, Hugo. He was detained in Dover hospital, suffering from cuts and bruises. The second passenger missing, presumed dead, was named as Christophe Chauvaux, aged 15, who was believed to be in a party of French schoolchildren.

The fatalities were the first in 17 years of cross-Channel voyages by hoverspeed, which are more sensitive than ships to rough weather. Suggestions that the craft collided with the breakwater in dense fog, and that the weather became rough and gusty only as the craft approached the British coast, were dismissed.

The Princess Margaret was involved in a similar accident in January 1968 when she collided with the same breakwater in dense fog.

Hoverspeed took over the running of the Dover service when British Rail's sea services were privatised a year ago.

The company said that nearly 25 million passengers had been carried across the Channel without serious incident in the 17 years of hoverspeed operation. The transport department said that the transport minister, Mrs Lynda Chalker, was almost certain to order an inquiry.

Thatcher orders ministers to defuse rates rebellion

By Colin Brown, Political Staff

Environment ministers and officials were told yesterday to draw up proposals to reform the rating system after a five-hour meeting chaired by Mrs Thatcher at Chequers.

The options remain open but the favoured course of action are introducing a poll tax to supplement the rates and levying a nationally-fixed business rate to limit the costs to small firms and industry.

Cabinet ministers at the meeting were left in no doubt Mrs Thatcher's eyes-in-the-sky view of the rates issue.

Under the Prime Minister's commitment to act on the rates, despite a political decision to forget about reform, she faces a rebellion among Tory supporters in Scotland because of the increase in rates which followed a recent revaluation.

The Government fears that a similar outcry will be provoked in the Tory heartlands when revaluation takes place in England and Wales. The Conservatives trailing behind Labour in the polls for the first time since the general election, Mrs Thatcher has decided that the Government cannot allow the potentially disastrous rates issue to go by default any longer.

The aim of the rates review, which will be carried out by

the environment ministers, Mr Kenneth Baker and Mr William Waldegrave, with their officials, will be to find ways of making councils more responsive to ratepayers.

Many voters do not pay rates because they are on supplementary benefits and, in some authorities, particularly in London, where firms have their headquarters, businesses pay a sizeable proportion of the rate but no longer have a vote.

The Tory backbench environment committee believes that action is urgently required before the general election because voters are not aware of another manifesto commitment.

Ministers are apparently agreed that a poll tax could not be introduced by itself because the increased burden would be too great — £120 per head if all adults were liable and £240 per head if it were restricted to those in work.

However, a combination of retained rates and a poll tax could provide a workable option. The implications of this course will be studied more closely by the working party.

The results of the ministerial review will be put before the Cabinet at a special rates meeting in the summer. It is likely that the chosen course will be included in a white paper but this will probably have distinctly green edges. It was emphasised yesterday that Ministers are apparently agreed that a poll tax could not be introduced by itself because the increased burden would be too great — £120 per head if all adults were liable and £240 per head if it were restricted to those in work.

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SA calls in troops as violence goes on

From Barry Strepek in Cape Town

South African troops have been called in to back up police in the troubled Eastern Cape townships where the death toll over the last 10 days rose to 38 during the weekend including a four-year-old child who was burned to death.

Yesterday's violence flared again near Port Elizabeth when riot police fired teargas and birdshot into crowds of blacks returning from a funeral for people killed in the recent unrest. One death was reported in the new disturbance and 10 people were said to have been injured.

There were some incidents of stone-throwing by the crowd. One youngster picked up a teargas canister and threw it back at police," said a witness. The move to use troops follows an announcement in Parliament last week by President P. W. Botha that he had issued instructions for law and order to be established and maintained in the area.

After the announcement the government issued a three-month ban on any meetings discussing work stoppages in 16 Eastern Cape and two Transvaal townships. The ban also covers any meetings organised by 38 bodies, including the United Democratic Front (UDF).

When troops were used last year in Sebokeng in the Vaal triangle, near Johannesburg, the move was strongly criticised. But the government rejected the criticisms and said it would not hesitate to use the army if this was necessary to maintain law and order.

On Saturday a four-year-old child was burned to death after a private house had been set on fire by riot police. The mother of the child, identified as Tolani Madikana, was the secretary of a local town council; a police spokesman said:

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Minister seeks US aid against drug smugglers

By Colin Brown, Political Staff

The Home Office minister, Mr David Melfor, will hold talks with the United States adviser on combating drugs abuse as part of a tour to assist Britain's campaign against cocaine and heroin smuggling into this country.

Mr Melfor, who will meet Dr Carlton Turner, President Reagan's policy adviser on narcotics, in Washington, will seek assistance in countering corruption among law enforcement officers in Pakistan, one of the main supply routes of heroin to Britain.

He is concerned at evidence of bribery-taking by officers in Pakistan which is thought to be undermining the anti-drug programmes being sponsored by Britain, including the establishment of alternative crops in the drug producing areas on the North-West Frontier.

The possibility of Britain assisting the US in combating

the supply of drugs, particularly cocaine, from Central America will also be discussed.

A number of American agents have been killed attempting to break the smuggling routes.

Mr Melfor, who is flying to the United States next Sunday, will exchange intelligence on drug smuggling and will see task forces in action against drug abuse in Atlanta and Florida.

Cocaine abuse is regarded as more prevalent in the United States than heroin. The Home Office is concerned that the dealers are now seeking to involve more people in Britain with cocaine, and Mr Melfor will meet Mark Gould, a leading campaigner against cocaine abuse, in New York, at the start of his tour. He will also visit the New York Police Department drug squad.

The Department of Health is shortly to launch an advertising campaign to warn young people against drug taking.

Fowler advised to avoid cuts at medical schools

By David Hescke, Social Services Correspondent

Cuts in student admissions to university medical schools have been effectively ruled out for two years by a government advisory committee, despite pressure from the British Medical Association.

The total division between doctors and civil servants over student admissions for the next decade is made clear in the latest report of the Advisory Committee for Medical Manpower Planning.

The report shows that the British Medical Association wanted medical school admissions cut from 4,330 in 1987 to 3,650 in 1997. The committee also considered the impact of a reduction to 3,650 on the future supply of doctors to the NHS.

The BMA warned that any excess of supply over demand would waste talent and resources.

The report shows that the NHS will have to grow by at least 1 per cent a year for two decades to absorb the extra number of doctors being raised.

The BMA has been worried that if this growth is not maintained, medical unemployment will grow among junior doctors. Career prospects for doctors will also be affected by doctors

facing greater difficulty in finding positions.

But civil servants on the committee warned that any cut in medical training "could prove a costly mistake, and lead to a shortage of doctors, as in the 1960s when the medical school intake of the order suggested could be regarded as fine tuning to a degree which could not be justified, given the many uncertainties involved."

The committee, which advises Mr Norman Fowler, the Social Services Secretary, says it was unable to reach an agreed view. It adds, however, that if Mr Fowler thought a cut was necessary it should be sufficiently small to be easily reversible and that no medical school should be closed.

The committee warned ministers that much of the data it examined was not reliable, particularly information about doctors working in the private sector.

It also wanted more accurate information on how many doctors were going to form nearly half the number of practising doctors — and UK graduates are lost from the profession.

Report of the Advisory Committee for Medical Manpower Planning, Department of Health, £4.90, Stationery Office.

Jobless fall in for BBC war film

By Tony Heath

MORE than 200 unemployed young men in West Wales, have been recruited by the BBC to help to recreate the true story of an army mutiny during the first world war which threatened the Western front campaign.

They will fall in for the first time later this month at Tonnafan, a redundant military camp on the Cardigan Bay coast near Tynnyr, where they will be drilled by retired warrant officers and NCOs.

They will be fitted out in the uniform of the day, tunics with polished brass buttons and put to rest.

Headed by an ex-obligatory, as they were 70 years ago, Mr Peter Wallis, the associate producer, of the four-part drama documentary, said yesterday: "A short back and sides is a condition of employment."

At £35 a day the pay, is better than the few shillings the British Tommy earned in the mud of Flanders.

It is also better than the weekly Youth Training Scheme available to the 15 to 22-year-old volunteers in an area where male unemployment is nearly 20 per cent.

Drilling and firing will start on April 18 and last six weeks.

The series, to be screened next year, tells the story of a mutiny among raw recruits shipped from Britain to a camp at Etaples in northern France in 1917.

The men were sent to the bloodiest battles of the war was fought.

The regime was so harsh that thousands died. The trouble was quickly put down and a veil of secrecy was drawn over the episode.

The series, scripted by Alan Bleasdale, is based on a book by William Alliman and John F. Kelly.

Its title, The Monocled Mutineer, derives from the exploits of one of the ring leaders, Percy Toplis, who discovered a monocle in the pocket of a uniform stolen from an enemy soldier.

The BBC has negotiated with the actors' union, Equity, to bring its private army up to strength with non-union volunteers, who will be based in daily for several months at the remote camp in Wales.

Key to the future of rural rides

A blue 15-seat minibus will drive round the village green at Sutton, a hamlet on the South Downs, on Wednesday to celebrate a victory which may be repeated throughout the country.

The minibus will provide shoppers from Sutton and neighbouring villages with a regular service to the nearest town, Petworth, at fares they can afford and at times when they want to travel.

The government bill, which will deregulate local bus services and stretch

rural resources more than ever, is well on its way through Parliament. Community buses like the Sutton experiment could be the best answer for villages.

Behind the ceremony outside the White Horse pub is a 24-year battle between West Sussex county council and 300 villagers demanding public transport. It started after the Post Office announced the withdrawal of its Postbus, a dual-purpose mail van and minibus, which had served the area for 10 years.

There were no village shops and even basic like stamps and bread are 6 miles away. Mr Les Harland, the 30-year-old parish council chairman, who has no car, appealed to the council for assistance.

He received little help. The council's suggestion of a car-sharing scheme was not popular, and the alternative self-drive bus hire scheme was too expensive at £2,500 a year, plus running costs.

Mrs Patsy Davies, who moved to the area from London because of her daughter's health, joined Mr Harland in the negotiations, but for a long time the results were negative.

They heard three weeks ago that they could use the minibus which takes their children to school when it was not needed.

Since then Mrs Davies has become full-time organiser of the Sutton, Rignor, Barlington Country Bus Association, arranging timetables, publishing the service with leaflets to homes in the area and, with 13 other vol-

unteers, passing the county council's test of proficiency to drive the minibus.

Another 26 people are still waiting to be tested so that by the summer an eighth of the population should be equipped to drive it. The bus will make twice-weekly trips to Petworth, picking up passengers at nine villages, with monthly Saturday trips to Chichester or Worthing.

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THE EYES HAVE IT: Trevor Greenwood with models of his new machine

Inspiration at the chip shop

TREVOR Greenwood hopes to make his fortune from an idea he had in a chip shop. He found the manager's wife fed up with the tedium of taking potato eyes out by hand, and her husband said: "It's about time that someone invented a machine to do this."

Mr Greenwood, aged 35, an unemployed electrician from Colne, near Burnley, went home and produced a small machine for under £100 which will save labour time and waste. Sales of his patented invention are booming in a small way. Mr Greenwood and his wife, Margaret, are hoping for interest from government departments, and a letter to Mrs Thatcher brought a promise of help from the Department of Trade.

The machine is basically a spinning cutter powered by a 100-watt electric motor which is plugged into the ordinary 13-amp supply. Two models are available — at £74.43, with the cutter mounted on the machine — and

£99, where the cutter is on a 52-inch flexible drive.

Mr Greenwood said: "We can guarantee a 60 per cent plus saving on waste. Normally, taking eyes out with a knife you take out a lot of good potato, too."

The cutter is not a blade, but a thick, chrome-plated triangle without dangerous sharp edges. "If you accidentally touch it, it won't cut you," he said.

Backed by a £3,000 overdraft from the Trustee Savings Bank and advice from a local enterprise centre, the Greenwood's Fort Green Electrical Engineering has started production in a friend's workshop.

If they can get government contracts, they hope to apply for a grant to set up their own workshop and expand by taking on staff.

Report by Tom Sharrock
Picture by Dennis Skerrett

BL sacking fair, says tribunal

A black car worker whose sacking cost Austin Rover more than £100 million was dismissed fairly, said an industrial tribunal ruling released at the weekend.

Mr Zedekiah Mills, aged 55, was sacked last June after assaulting a foreman, Mr Brian Brasington, at the company's Longbridge factory, Birmingham. Mr Mills, of Somerville Road, Small Heath, Birmingham, claimed that he was racially abused by Mr Brasington.

He admitted assaulting the foreman but said he did so only after being called "a dirty black bastard". Mr Brasington denied racially abusing Mr Mills, but Mr Mills was the support of workers at Longbridge, who staged a two-week strike which stopped production of 20,000 cars.

The three-man industrial tribunal which heard Mr Mills's claim for unfair dismissal said this year's award of £10,000 was a "substantial sum". Although the award might have been some racial expression, it was not motivated by racial discrimination or abuse.

The tribunal said that words were often used on the shopfloor relating to nationality, but which did not have racial connotations. It is part of the general language used. That is the way it comes across to us in this case.

It did not consider that the insult was sufficient provocation to justify the assault. However, the tribunal said it was surprised that Mr Brasington was not disciplined after he had admitted swearing while in a supervisory position.

Nupe war on home help front

By John Ardill, Labour Correspondent

The National Union of Public Employees is organising a campaign against plans to replace the homehelp service in Northern Ireland with a system of grants to people needing domestic assistance. It is seeking the support of voluntary groups involved in work with the old and disabled and intends to make the protest an issue in the province's council elections in May.

Nupe's fear is that the proposals put the way for moves to take all National Health Service staff off nationally negotiated UK terms and conditions of employment.

A government working party announced the plans last week. It also suggested that people on the Youth Training Scheme should be used to help the elderly.

The report appeared while the national negotiating body for council manual workers throughout the UK was meeting in Belfast to discuss a pay improvement for home helps.

The employers have agreed in principle to a deal reflecting increased duties. Although the sweeper might have had some racial expression, it was not motivated by racial discrimination or abuse.

Mr Ron Keating, Nupe assistant general secretary, said that none of the 500 local authority employers had suggested destroying the terms and conditions of home helps.

He added that the community will join us in condemning such an immoral suggestion: that costs in the home help service should be reduced by turning hard-working, low-paid women who perform a valuable community service into shirkers without rights.

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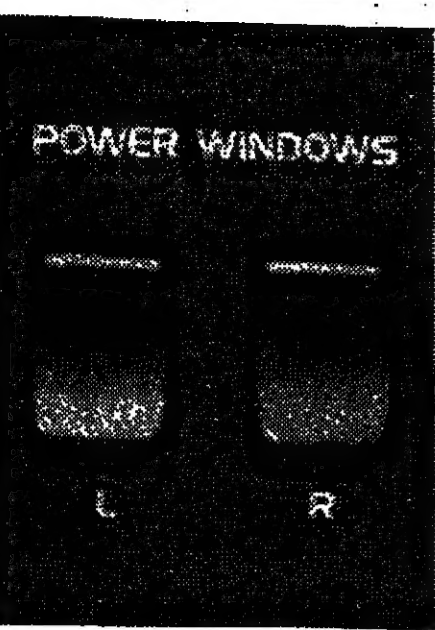
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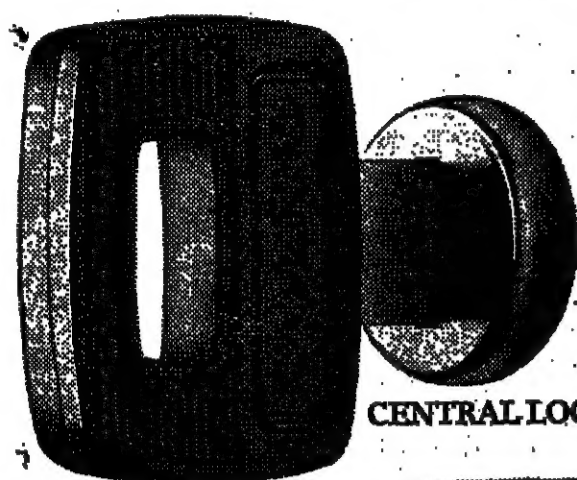
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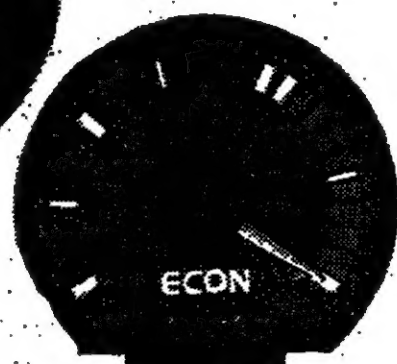
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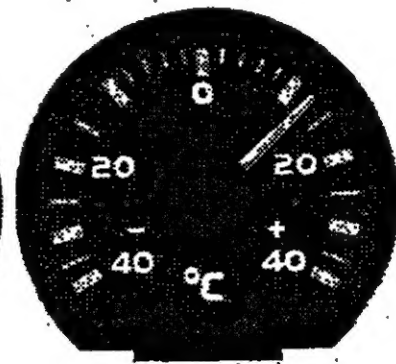
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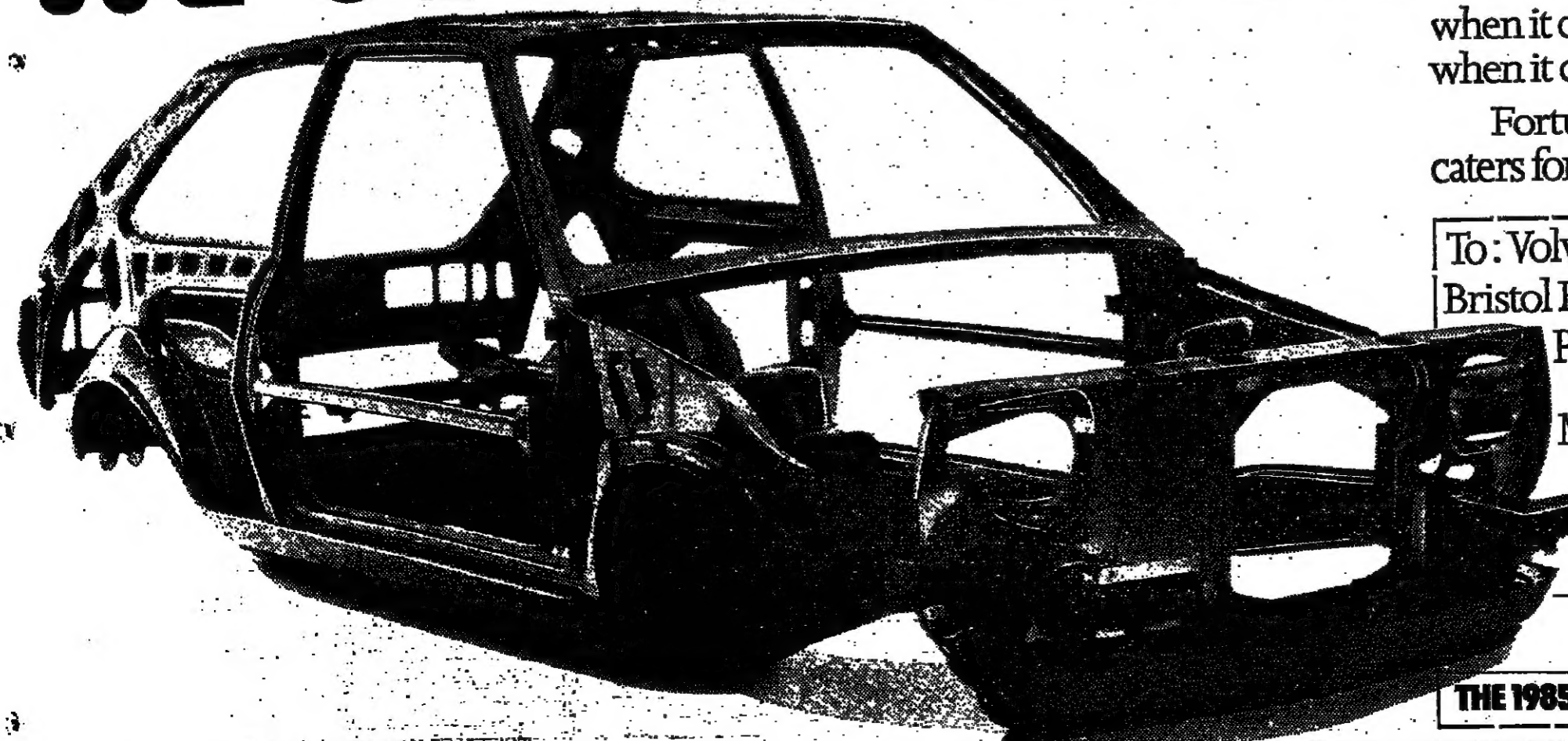


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Doctors join Khartoum protest

Khartoum: Troops guarded key points in Khartoum yesterday and Sudanese officials restricted entry to the city after two days of riots over price increases.

Doctors at Khartoum's largest hospital, who say they received the bodies of eight people killed in the riots, went on strike yesterday, alleging police brutality against demonstrators.

Sudanese officials say that the banned Muslim Brotherhood organisation incited job-seekers, many of them from drought-stricken provinces, to riot on Wednesday and Thursday after prices of bread, fuel, and other goods went up.

Khartoum's Police Chief, General Ibrahim Ahmed Abdulkarim, said that 12 centres had been set up in the city to receive migrants who would be deported.

The city's Commissioner, Bakr Ali al-Toum, said that some 680,000 people in the capital had been set up in the city to receive migrants who would be deported.

Khartoum was calm yesterday. Troops continued to guard strategic buildings and foreign embassies, but seemed to have scaled down their presence on public squares and main roads.

An official statement said: "Regular troops will confront all acts of mischief and riots."

The 400 doctors at Khartoum General Hospital said that they were still treating emergencies and watching the condition of patients who had recently undergone surgery, but were refusing to give other medical care. They said that they would decide daily whether to continue their protest.

Western diplomats disputed the claim of police brutality, saying that the conduct of the army and riot police was moderate given the scale of violence and sabotage. — Reuters.

Reagan will seek to help Sudan

From Alex Brummer in Washington

President Reagan and his advisers will be looking at ways of releasing frozen US aid to the Sudan at private White House talks today with the country's leader, President Numeiri.

Administration officials say that they are concerned about the stability of the Numeiri Government in the face of the recent food riots, the insurgency in the south of the country and the strain being put on the country's resources by the influx of refugees and famine.

But they are reiterating their support for Mr Numeiri as "an important partner in the Africa context and have hinted strongly that at the least some food aid may be released during the Sudanese leader's visit to Washington. Of the \$225 million of US economic aid agreed by Congress for the current financial year some \$181 million is being withheld because of displeasure in Washington with President Numeiri's economic policies.

While the US makes its own judgment on the release of economic aid, it often works closely with the international Monetary Fund which is currently struggling to reach an agreement on an austerity package with Khartoum. The US is nursing the hopes that the unrest of last week, largely caused by the removal of bread subsidies, will subside although it believes that other economic subsidies will have to be removed as part of the economic reforms it is encouraging.

It still remains concerned, however, by the rebellion in the south of the country which it argues is being fuelled from outside — notably Libya. According to US officials President Reagan will discuss the process of "reconciliation" in his talks with Mr Numeiri urging him to eschew a military solution to the problem. The US says it provides a small amount of military aid to the country, but it is not intended for putting down internal conflicts.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Conference founders

LIBYA has abandoned plans to act as host to a conference of Arab and African foreign ministers in Tripoli this month because of a row over Polisario delegates attending, the Libyan news agency, Jana, said yesterday.

Jana said Libya had asked the Arab League and the OAU to postpone the conference until the problem is resolved.

Settlement areas could take million people, survey says

Israelis have control of half West Bank lands

From David Landau in Jerusalem

Just over half of all the land on the occupied West Bank is in the legal control — direct or indirect — of the Israeli authorities.

This is the principal finding of a new research survey just completed by the West Bank Data Base Project, an independent Jewish-Arab group funded by the Rockefeller and Ford Foundations.

While only 24 per cent of the West Bank's 1,400,000 acres are actually earmarked for Jewish settlements, much larger tracts have been declared "state lands."

These were previously registered to the Jordanian government before the 1967 Israeli seizure. Additional areas have been designated military training areas or requisitioned for other "public purposes," the Benvenisti survey reports.

AN Israeli settler was shot dead yesterday while waiting for a bus in the occupied West Bank town of El Bireh, Israeli military officials said. Zalman Abuhik, aged 52, was shot in the head at close range, Israeli radio said. Security forces seized dozens of suspects and imposed a curfew on the centre of the town, north of Jerusalem. — Reuters.

The land set aside for Jewish settlement, moreover, could eventually absorb up to a million people, according to the survey, since most of the Jewish settlement is urban rather than agricultural. At present there are some 45,000 Jewish settlers in the West Bank, living among a population of more than 850,000 Palestinian Arabs.

The research project was led by an Israeli left liberal politician, Dr Meron Benvenisti, who served for many years as a deputy mayor and close aide to Teddy Kollek, mayor of Jerusalem. His earlier demographic studies of the West Bank are considered authoritative.

The survey finds a geographical pattern in the land seizures: the eastern third of the West Bank and the area contiguous to the pre-1967 border with Israel are almost entirely designated for Israeli use.

But a planned road network will involve the compulsory purchase of a further 25,000 acres throughout the West Bank. The survey says the road network "is designed to bypass Arab population centres and to fragment and dissect Arab settlement regions."

The survey says there was considerable "sequestration under the Labourist government between 1967 and 1977, but the process, accelerated sharply under the Likud (1977-84).

While all the land seizures follow due legal process the survey says, they are to be seen as "rule by law" rather than rule of law since they ignore principles of natural justice.

Mr Elias Freij, mayor of the Palestinian city of Bethlehem, called the report "frightening." He said the West Bank should be reserved for the Palestinians following a political resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"Unless there is a solution in a year or two, the situation will really become irreversible," Mr Freij told Israeli radio. "What will be left for the people in the West Bank?"

Both Mr Freij and Dr Benvenisti said the battle for control over West Bank land was a key element in the Middle East struggle.

"Land is valued as national patrimony, not a piece of commercial real estate. Gain or loss of space is regarded as victory or defeat, just like a battleground," Dr Benvenisti wrote in the report.

In an interview yesterday in the East Jerusalem newspaper Al Quds, the Prime Minister, Mr Shimon Peres, maintained that since his government of national unity came to office last September "everything looks open" whereas before everything had seemed closed in the peace process.

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Palestinian women, carrying their household belongings, walk into Sidon after fleeing from the refugee camp at Ain al-Hilweh during heavy fighting at the weekend

Cairo economics minister quits after foreign exchange row

From Kathryn Davies in Cairo

Egypt's Economy Minister, Dr Mustafa El-Said, resigned yesterday after criticism of his policies by bankers and businessmen.

His resignation came one day after verdicts were given in a trial of 19 bankers and currency dealers, including Dr El-Said's nephew, in which the judge said that the economy of Egypt "should be the responsibility of people known for their rectitude."

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Fierce fighting near Sidon

SIDON: Sporadic shelling shook a big Palestinian camp near here yesterday as Syrian and Lebanese officials met to discuss ways of stopping fighting that has raged around the city for five days.

Three people were killed and six wounded as Palestinians and Muslims in the Ain al-Hilweh camp fired rocket-propelled grenades and machine-guns at Christians and pro-Israeli militiamen shelling them with mortars, security sources said.

Heavy fighting in and around Ain al-Hilweh, the nearby Miyeh Miyeh camp and the Sidon suburbs on Saturday killed at least 20 people, wounded 94, and forced thousands of Palestinians to flee for safety to schools and church halls in the city centre.

Palestinians are confronting Christian fighters loyal to radical militia chief Samir Geagea, who heads a revolt challenging President Gemayel's ties with Syria.

The Muslim ministers Mr Nabih Berri and Mr Selim Hosn yesterday travelled to Damascus to discuss clashes with Syrian officials and the Druze leader, Mr Walid Jumblatt, Beirut Radio said.

A French Embassy employee, Ms Danielle Perez, was freed yesterday from a 110-day captivity, becoming the third kidnapped foreigner whose release was predicted by a mysterious group calling itself the "Khalifa brigades."

A British businessman, Mr Brian Levick, who was freed a day earlier, said he believed he was kidnapped because he was mistaken for an American.

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UN chief in Riyadh for Gulf war talks

Bahrain: The United Nations Secretary-General, Mr Javier Perez de Cuellar, had talks with Saudi leaders yesterday on ways of ending the Gulf war while Iran and Iraq attacked each other's towns.

Mr Perez de Cuellar said in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, that he was prepared to go to Iran and Iraq to push UN proposals for ending the conflict, but was awaiting a final reply to his offer from the Iranian Government.

He spoke after meeting the Saudi Foreign Minister, Prince Saud al-Faisal, on the first stage of a tour which will include Oman, Bahrain and Qatar.

At the same time, the vice-chairman of Iraq's ruling Revolutionary Command Council, Mr Izzat Ibrahim, paid a brief visit to Riyadh for talks with King Fahd. United Nations sources said he did not meet UN officials. The official Saudi press agency, SPA, said he was welcomed by Crown Prince Abdullah, but gave no details.

Meanwhile, Iraqi planes attacked five Iranian border towns and a military camp after a big explosion in Baghdad occurred at the time Iran said it had fired two missiles into the city.

The blast in a public park on the banks of the Tigris, damaged buildings but apparently caused few casualties, if any.

Iran said it fired the missiles in reply to Iraqi raids on residential areas of Iran. It was the seventh reported missile attack on Baghdad since March 14.

The Iranians have said they will retaliate for Iraq's attacks on Iranian cities and shipping in the Gulf and its use of chemical weapons. Baghdad denies it has used chemical arms.

An Indian peace mission left Tehran yesterday with no sign that it had made progress.

The Iranian news agency IRNA said its leader, Mr Khomeini, had held talks with the Minister of State for External Affairs, held talks with President Ali Khamenei on Iran's demand for a return to last year's accord halting attacks on civilian centres.

Mr Alam Khan, whose country chairs the Nonaligned Movement which includes both Iran and Iraq, visited Baghdad last week. Iraq rejected an appeal by the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Gandhi, for a 90-day ceasefire.

President Khamenei told the envoy that attacks on civilians and use of chemical weapons must be kept separate from the war issue as a whole, IRNA said. — Reuters.

Salvador's war is halted for polling

From Paul Kilman in San Salvador

The Salvadoran civil war came to a virtual standstill yesterday as voters went to the polls to elect a new legislative assembly.

The election, which the Opposition tried to turn into a referendum on President Jose Napoleon Duarte's first 10 months in office, provoked none of the passions that surrounded last year's presidential poll or the 1982 assembly ballot.

President Duarte's Christian Democratic Party campaigned strongly on the need to give the Government a clear majority in the new assembly, but most opinion polls indicated that it would not improve on the 24 seats it controlled in 1982.

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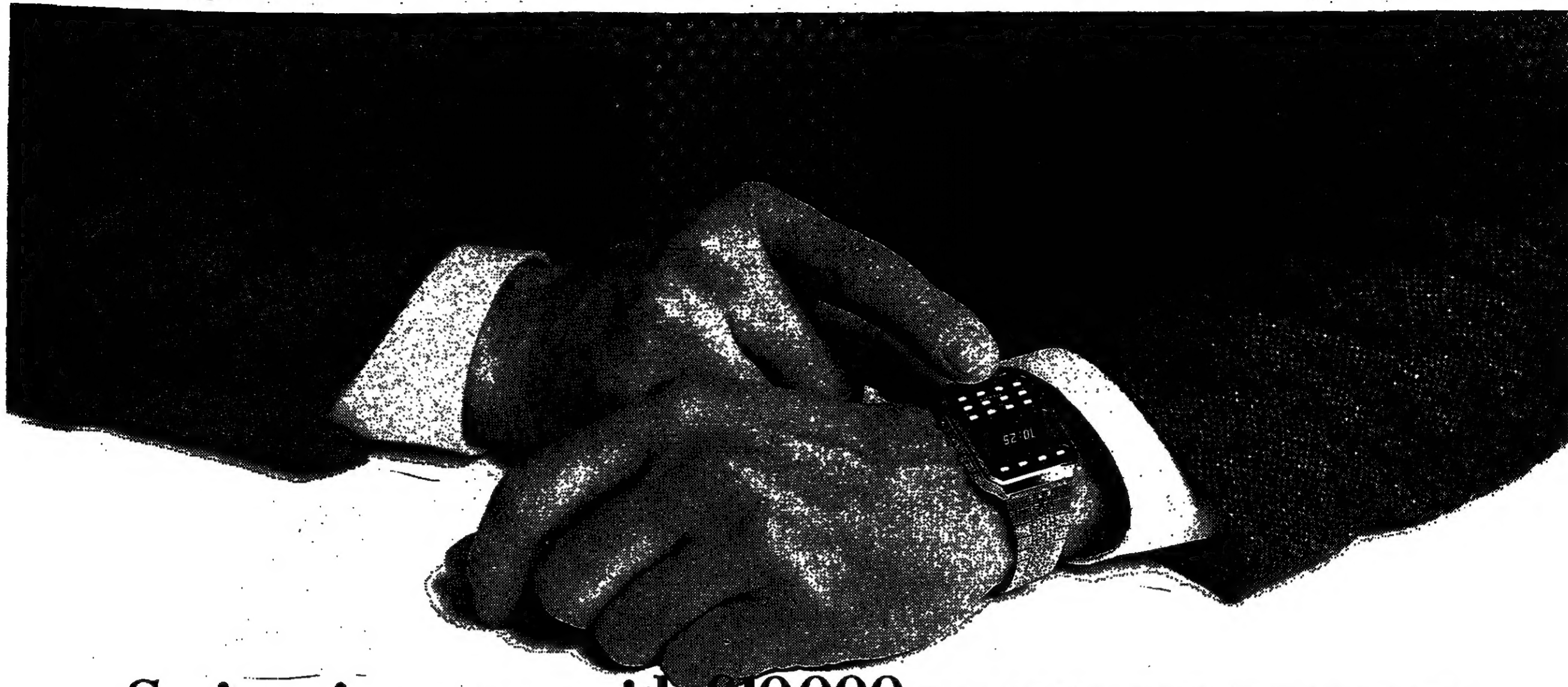
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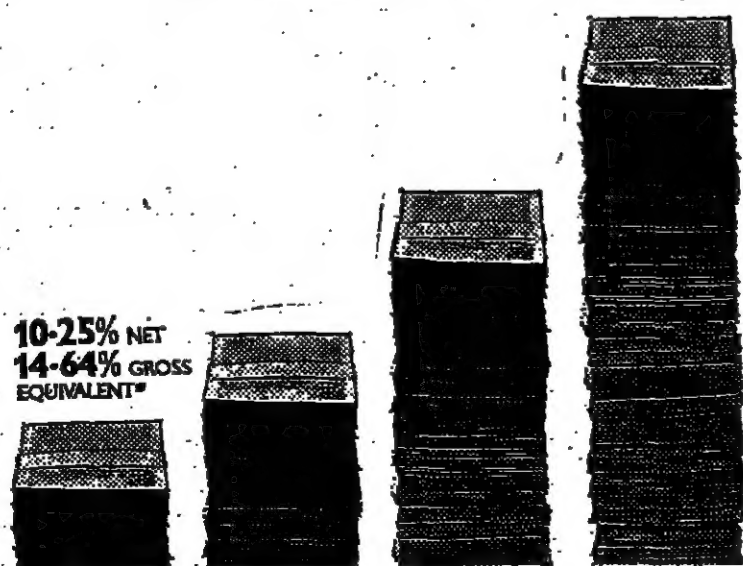
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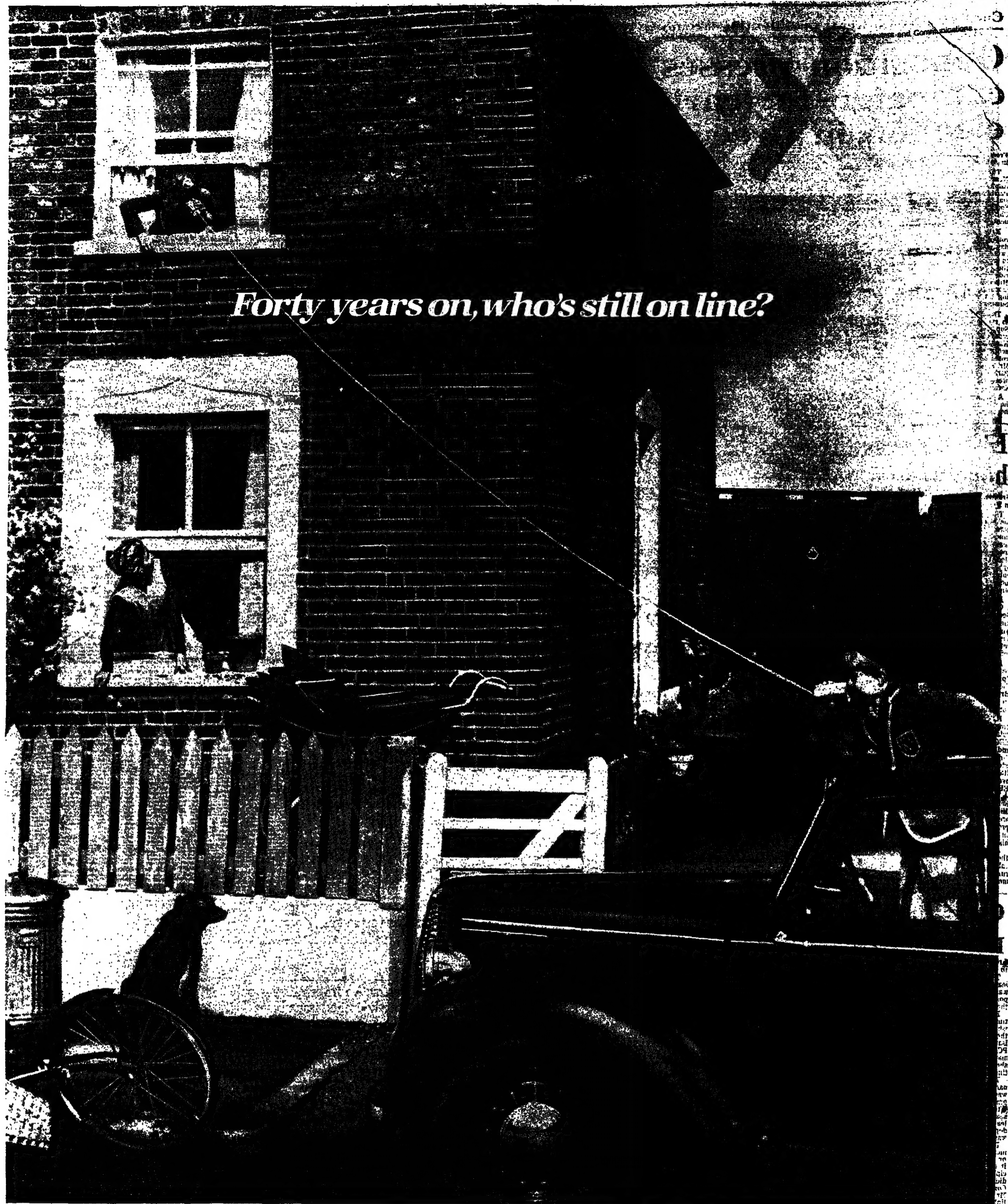
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Conservatives boycott presidential ceremony

Opposition presses campaign for early election in Greece

From Campbell Page
in Athens

The Greek opposition party, New Democracy, is pressing its campaign for the dissolution of Parliament after the controversial election of the ruling Socialist Party nominee, Mr. Christos Sartzetakis, as President of the Republic.

New Democracy MPs boycotted the ceremony on Saturday when Mr. Sartzetakis was sworn in. The party is trying to rouse public opinion with the slogan "Let the people decide now." Mr. Constantine Mitsotakis, leader of New Democracy, will address a meeting on Friday in Constitution Square.

The Opposition is refusing to recognise Mr. Sartzetakis, a Supreme Court judge, as successor to Mr. Constantine Karamanlis because he achieved the necessary 180 votes only with the support of Mr. Yannis Alevras, Speaker of Parliament, who became acting president after Mr. Karamanlis's resignation.

A former prime minister of the Democratic Right before the formation of New Democracy,

Mr. Panagiotis Kanellopoulos, was quoted in the pro-government newspaper, *ta Nea*, yesterday as endorsing the legality of Mr. Alevras's vote and therefore of Mr. Sartzetakis's election. If New Democracy persisted in refusing to recognise Mr. Sartzetakis, then problems would arise which would be difficult to solve.

Mr. Kanellopoulos could not find anything in the constitution or in parliamentary regulations to exclude Mr. Alevras's vote.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Papandreu, and his Socialist Party, Pasok, will obviously resist attempts by New Democracy to dictate the date of general elections which are in any case due in the autumn.

New Democracy is describing Mr. Papandreu's decision to withdraw support from Mr. Karamanlis for a second term and the nomination of Mr. Sartzetakis as a coup.

The decision to drop Mr. Karamanlis demolished one of the most entrenched and least analysed pieces of conventional wisdom here since Pasok took power in 1981: that Mr.

Papandreu and Mr. Karamanlis, the distinguished conservative, worked well together, and that Mr. Papandreu understood the value of Mr. Karamanlis's presence as a guarantee of moderation to public opinion at home and abroad.

It remains to be seen whether the historic divide between left and right in the Greek civil war and in the period before the colonels' coup in 1967 will be re-created. As the first prime minister after the collapse of the military regime, Mr. Karamanlis made considerable efforts to create a new spirit of consensus.

Pasok came to power committed to change, and the Government's ditching of Mr. Karamanlis has delighted radical members of the party.

The pro-government press yesterday criticised two Pasok deputies who had pledged their support for Mr. Sartzetakis, but then withheld their votes. Their votes would, of course, have taken the pressure off Mr. Alevras and made the new President's position unassailable.



Alleged mafia boss Giuseppe Calo is escorted from Rome police HQ to prison. He is accompanied by reputed associates, Antonio Rotolo and Lorenzo di Gesu.

Mafia arrests in Rome

ROME: Police, following up on the arrest of the alleged "big treasurer" of the international mafia, yesterday arrested his wife and five others.

Judicial sources said the arrest on Friday of Giuseppe Calo, aged 54, also described as "the king of mafia finance," was the biggest break since the gangster boss Tommaso Buscetta turned police informer.

Buscetta's confession resulted in a big crackdown on the Sicilian mafia and led to arrests of scores of people in Italy, Brazil and the US. Buscetta told police that Calo is the undisputed head of a large mafia gang based in Corleone.

Police said Calo allegedly recycled hundreds of millions of dollars of mafia profits from drug smuggling, kidnappings and thefts of valuables, investing them in real estate, bonds and other legitimate businesses.

Calo, who had been sought for 15 years on warrants charging him with a host of crimes, was arrested as he arrived at a luxurious flat he owns in eastern Rome.

Police picked up Calo's wife, Rosaria, aged 48, yesterday and Antonietta Rotolo, aged 31, wife of another reputed mobster who was arrested with Calo. —AP.

Danish strike to continue

By Donald Fields

A wave of strikes is expected to disrupt Denmark today even though Parliament has introduced a two-year pay package designed to end a week of stoppages.

Shop stewards are urging demonstrations and thousands of workers are expected to stage illegal strikes in protest against the way in which the coalition Government, led by the Conservative Prime Minister, Mr. Poul Schluter, forced through measures that are even more austere than those proposed by an official arbitrator.

The package was approved by enlisting support from the Radical Party, which holds 10 of the 179 seats. The package gives all employees wage increases of 2 per cent in the first year, and 1.5 per cent in the second, with one hour lopped off the 40-hour working week at the start of 1987.

Company taxes rise from 40 to 50 per cent, but employers' social welfare contributions fall. Taxpayers who earned more than £11,000 in 1984 will be obliged to lend the Government 8 per cent of the sum above that.

It is not unprecedented for Parliament to impose pay settlements when other means fail but the methods pursued by Mr. Schluter have polarised the public.

EEC success gives hope of new reform

From Derek Brown
in Brussels

The spectacular success of the weekend European summit here has opened the way to fundamental EEC reforms this year. The key agreement on special development aid for Mediterranean regions affected by Spanish and Portuguese entry to the Community unlocked a solution to a range of other community problems.

First, it lifted the threat of a Greek veto on Iberian entry. Second, it unblocked a settlement of the Community's chronic cash problems, third, it has ensured that Britain will get its promised £600 million refund of budget contributions.

Following the breakthrough deal on accession terms for Spain and Portugal last week, the 10 national leaders left Brussels on Saturday, basking in the glory of their most constructive summit for years.

It was a particular triumph for Italy, which has the rotating presidency of the EEC in just three months — and especially in the past three weeks of marathon ministerial negotiations — the Italian chairmen have presided over a dramatic freeing of the EEC political logjam.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Bettino Craxi, and the foreign Minister, Mr. Giulio Andreotti, are now hoping for more progress at the Milan summit in June, which will be the highlight of their presidency.

At the top of the agenda there will be proposals for radical reforms of EEC voting rules, intended to weld the member states into a more coherent political entity, and avoid the special-interest wrangles which have paralysed the Community in recent years.

Mrs. Thatcher told reporters that the summit had been given a flying start by the entry-terms agreement with Spain and Portugal.

The problem of integrated Mediterranean Programmes (IMPS) has overshadowed community business since the stormy Dublin summit last December. Then, the Greek Prime Minister, Mr. Andreas Papandreu, insisted that his country would veto enlargement unless it received a multi-billion pound aid package.

The Iberian accession terms eventually agreed involved an ingenious three-part deal, guaranteeing Greece about £1,200 million over seven years, for projects which must satisfy strict EEC criteria of usefulness.

For the Mediterranean region of the three countries affected, there will be about £900 million in cash from the community budget.

The Greek EEC Affairs Minister, Mr. Theodoris Pangalos, said after the negotiations: "This is not the agreement we would have hoped for, but it is a successful solution because it balances the negative impact of other community decisions."

This was a reference to last year's Fontainebleau summit deal to reduce British contributions to the budget from this year. The British deal, bitterly resented by Greece, will reduce the British share of the IMPS package to just £10 million a year.

Carrillo sacked as party spokesman

From Jane Walker
in Madrid

The veteran Communist leader, Mr. Santiago Carrillo, was sacked yesterday from his position as party spokesman in the Cortes.

His dismissal comes at a time of crisis for the Spanish Communist Party. From the heady days after the legalisation of the party in 1977, PCP support has dropped dramatically, and opinion polls show that their backing is continuing to decline.

Mr. Carrillo, who served as party boss for almost 40 years, was replaced as secretary-general by Mr. Gerardo Iglesias. Mr. Carrillo lost 19 seats in the 1982 elections, leaving them with only four deputies, of which Mr. Carrillo was one.

In the past eight years many members have left the party or been expelled for criticising it or failing to obey party discipline. Some left because they did not agree with the Euro-Communist line supported by Mr. Carrillo, preferring closer links with Moscow, while others went because they believed the party was too dictatorial and lacked the democracy necessary in a modern political party.

Before the weekend's party conference in Madrid, Mr.

Iglesias made an appeal to all supporters of the left, whether Communist or not, to form a united front to oppose the Socialists in the next election.

However, the pro-Carrillo movement boycotted the conference and announced a new faction to oppose the Iglesias wing. They threatened to split from the main party, and in Madrid, Mr. Carrillo warned that he would go to court if necessary to claim the right to use the PCP and take over party buildings for his own group.

Meanwhile, Spaniards are awaiting their entry into the EEC with mixed feelings. They are jubilant that eight years of hard bargaining and negotiations have finally ended, and Spain can take her place alongside her European neighbours on an equal footing.

On the other hand, there is fear that the cost of membership will be expensive. Mr. Miguel Boyer, the Minister for the Economy, admitted after the successful conclusion of the agreement that inflation was almost certain to rise after January as the cabinet approved the introduction of value added tax from January 1, 1986, which will increase inflation by an estimated three or four points.

'Shots' of backfiring car

Duisburg: The sound of gunshots said to have been fired at the Commander of the Royal Air Force in West Germany was just a backfiring car engine, police said yesterday.

There is simply no other logical explanation, Mr. Einar Zimmermann, chief of the Duisburg homicide investigation squad, said in reference to the autobahn incident involving Air Marshal Sir Patrick Kane.

Sir Patrick reported that as he was riding in a military vehicle on an autobahn near Duisburg, someone in a passing car had rolled down the window and pointed a long-barrelled

weapon at him. He and his bodyguards ducked. Three gunshots were heard, but Sir Patrick's car was not hit, police said at the time.

Nobody was hurt and no bullets were found at the scene of the incident.

Mr. Zimmermann said a police investigation had concluded that the backfiring engine of a nearby vehicle apparently had been mistaken for the sound of gunshots.

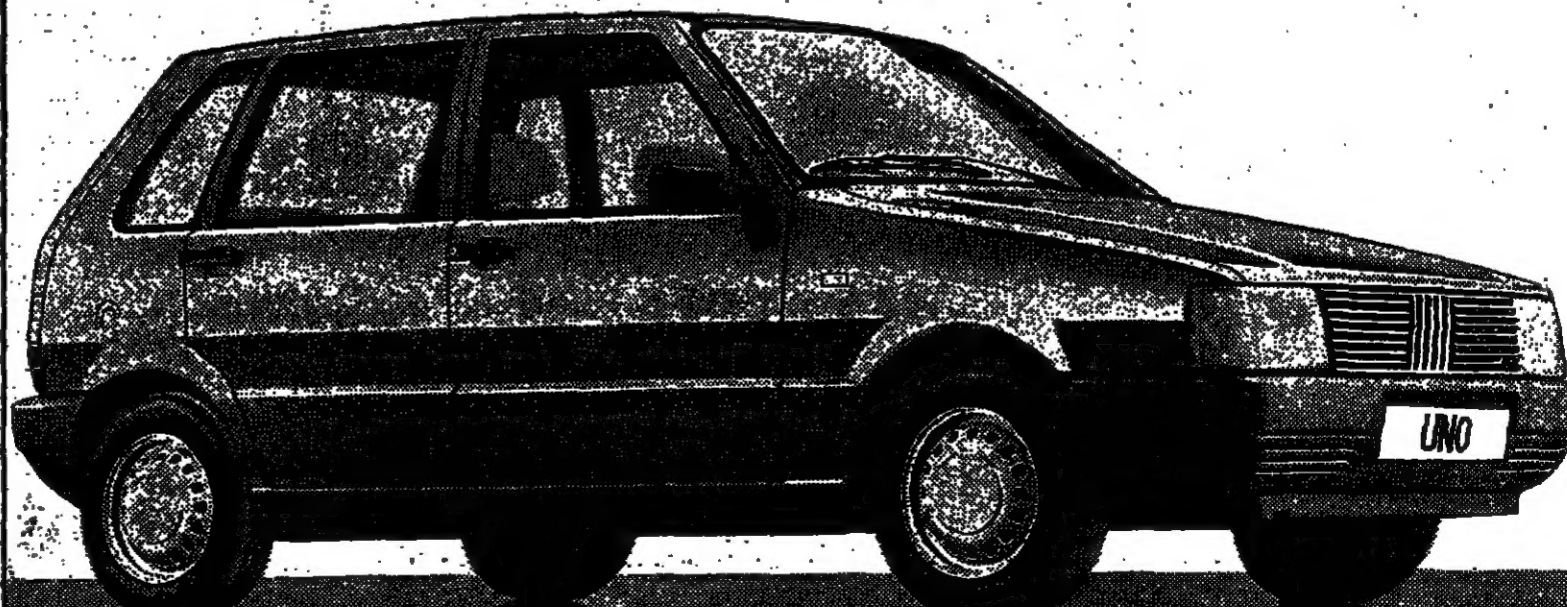
He said the incident by security officials as a terrorist assassination attempt was "possibly just an overreaction."

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Reagan envoys warn Tokyo about likelihood of retaliation

Last ditch appeal to Nakasone on unfair trade

From Stuart Auerbach in Washington

The United States has renewed a call for Japan to open up its telecommunications market. The appeal was made to the Prime Minister, Mr. Nakasone, in Tokyo yesterday by Dr. Gaston Sigur, a special assistant to President Reagan, and Mr. Lionel Olmer, the US Undersecretary of Commerce for international trade.

Sources in Tokyo said the two officials, who arrived yesterday, delivered a personal letter from Mr. Reagan to Mr. Nakasone. Its content was not made public, but the sources said Mr. Reagan had called for Mr. Nakasone's personal involvement and leadership in the affair.

President Reagan sent the mission after being told that Japanese negotiators had not kept the commitment Mr. Nakasone gave him in January that Japan's newly denationalised telecommunications market would be as open to American products as the US market is to the Japanese.

New Japanese regulations take effect today that cap foreign ownership of telecommunications companies at 49 per cent, equal access or keep the door shut against them.

The envoys were quoted by Japanese sources as telling Mr. Nakasone that protectionist sentiments were growing in the US Congress, and that a bill calling for retaliation against Japanese telecommunications exports to the US might be passed early next month if nothing was done.

Mr. Nakasone is said to have replied that he would instruct the post and telecommunications ministry to solve the Post.

issue as quickly as possible, taking into consideration points agreed in the past negotiations.

The Sigur mission is the cornerstone of an "intensified" US effort this weekend to settle the telecommunications issue. The attempt, organised by the Senate, has involved a group of international economists, a cabinet-level committee that heard a report on the status of the negotiations, Mr. Olmer and the deputy US trade representative, Mr. Michael Smith.

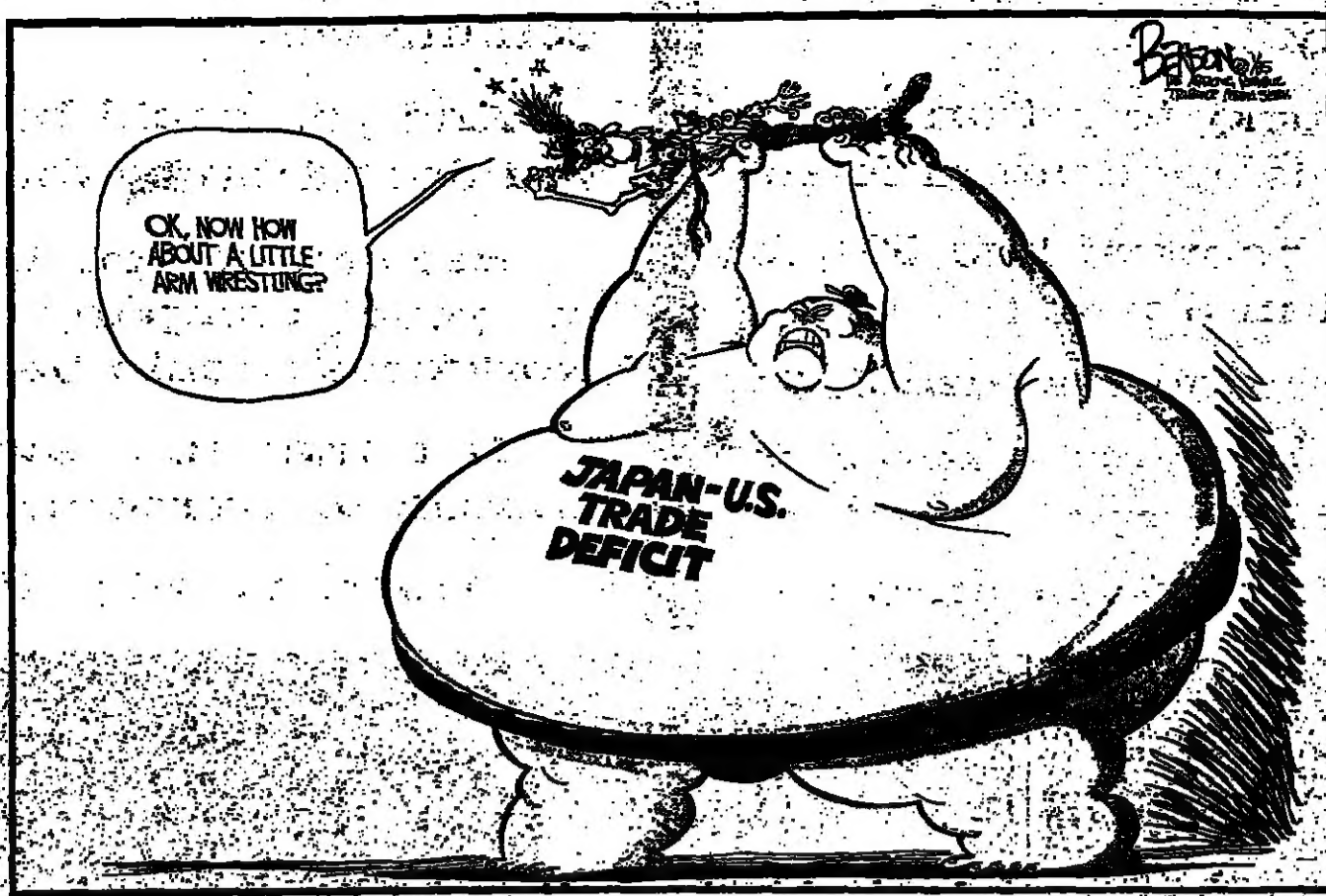
If the issue is not settled satisfactorily, officials fear it could undermine relations between the US and Japan, its closest Pacific ally. The issue could persist through the May economic summit in Bonn, one source said.

"This is a moment of truth for Japan," the Japanese said. "The source who is familiar with the cabinet-level discussions."

The telecommunications talks have become the symbol of what is perceived here as unfair trading tactics by a country using its friendship with the United States to flood it with its goods while protecting the door against them.

After his meeting with the US mission, Mr. Nakasone is reported to have said he would personally appeal to the Japanese people for cooperation and understanding. He asked the US officials to explain to him the reasons for the US Congress's concern that trade disputes should not be allowed to damage fundamental relations between the two countries.

Washington Post



'Rivers of mercury' at tomb

Archaeologists believe tomb of China's first emperor may hide treasure hoard

Peking. Archaeologists have reported evidence that ancient flows about rivers of mercury flowing through the tomb of China's first emperor may be based on fact.

Their finds at the tomb of Emperor Qin Shihuang (259-210 BC), builder of the Great Wall and unifier of China, suggest that an imperial treasure house may soon be discovered.

In trial excavations over 12 years on more than 40,000 sites, workers near the ancient capital of Xian have located the emperor's underground palace and found traces of mercury, the official Guanying daily reported.

The report, read by China's intelligence, quoted the leader of the dig, Mr. Yuan Zhongyi, and a research assistant.

China's biggest archaeological attraction, an army of life-sized terracotta warriors, and steeds, was discovered a mile east of the tomb in 1974 and attracts a million visitors a year.

Experts have been reluctant to probe the tunnels covering the tomb itself because of his tactical accounts which said that the minefield was pillaged by Han dynasty conquerors shortly after the emperor's death.

They also feared destroying any valuables, since historians

recorded that the tomb was rigged to fend off intruders.

The recognised source book is "historical records" by the Second Century BC chronicler Sima Qian, who said that 700,000 conscripts worked for 36 years on the sprawling burial complex.

Artisans were ordered to install crossbows set to shoot any intruder. With mercury, the various waterways of the empire, the Yangtze and Yellow rivers, and even the Great Ocean itself were created and made to flow and circulate mechanically, he wrote.

Experts have proceeded cautiously, and discoveries to date

have been in the wheatfields and orchards surrounding the tomb. They include the estimated 8,000 terracotta warriors — meant to protect the emperor in death — bronze chariots, bells, and other artefacts.

Yuan and his assistant said they have now found inner and outer walls of the underground palace itself, 1,300 feet wide with pavements and passages leading inside. Ten gates and a watchtower at each of four corners were identified.

Most importantly, an analysis of the earth in a 1,440-square-yard area surrounding the walls was rich with mercury contents, they said. — AP

Peking raises interest rate to protect reserves

Peking. China's central bank announced yesterday it was raising interest rates as its new chief said she would tighten controls over the banking system and admitted a \$2 billion fall in foreign exchange reserves.

Mrs. Chen Muhua, aged 64, was switched from the Ministry of Foreign Trade to the People's Bank of China, six days ago in government moves to strengthen control over the economy, cut credit, and slow wage rises.

Speaking to reporters for the first time since taking over as president, Mrs. Chen said she would tighten overall control of the banking system while adopting flexible measures to speed up economic reforms, she said.

She announced that China's foreign exchange reserves declined to \$24 billion by the end of last year, compared with \$26 billion in September.

She described the fall as normal and said it reflected the expansion of China's foreign trade. She gave no details of gold reserves, which stood at \$2.67 billion in September.

In a sign that China is tightening monetary policy, the People's Bank announced that from today interest rates will rise on loans for working capital from 7.2 per cent to 7.92 per cent. Interest on one-year deposits will go up from 5.76 to 6.84 per cent.

But rates on loans used by the State to purchase grain, cotton, and oil-bearing crops will remain unchanged.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Zhao Ziyang, admitted on Wednesday that the government's reform policy had allowed the economy to overheat in late 1984 and early 1985 by allowing sharp rises in credit and wages. He announced a money and wage clampdown.

Vice-Premier Yao Yihou said that labour wages had risen about 20 per cent in 1984, he was quoted as saying.

than usual had issued late last year.

As part of measures to draw currency from circulation, the Government has drawn on its foreign exchange reserves to spend on commodities abroad on commodities.

Mr. Yao said the increase in the amount of currency in circulation had resulted in price rises in food, meat, eggs, and fresh consumer goods.

Vice-Premier Tian Jiyuan said ahead with price and wage reforms. He said food would get higher prices to improve supplies.

Government would cushion the impact of price rises through subsidies. Grain, meat, and oil prices would rise.

Premier Zhao Ziyang said he would work with China's relations with the Soviet Union to warm friendship of the two Asian giants.

The two Asian giants fought a bitter border war in 1969, exchanged greetings on the eve of the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations on September 1, 1984.

In a message to Russian Prime Minister Mr. Gorbachev, Mr. Zhao said he was confident outstanding issues between them could be resolved.

Mr. Zhao has set the goal of improving Sino-Soviet relations. China's interest in improving relations not only with the West but also with the Soviet Union and its European allies.

At a meeting with the Polish Vice-Premier, Mr. Jacek Gosciniak, Mr. Zhao said that China's open-door policy designed to attract foreign investment and technology included other communist states.

"China's policy of opening to the outside world includes socialist countries; our door is open to Poland," he was quoted as saying.

Zia's opponents emerge from gaol into dilemma

From Alex Brodie in Islamabad

Most of the politicians imprisoned in Pakistan before the recent elections have now been released, though some, particularly from the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), which is still seen as the main threat to General Zia, remain in detention.

They were rounded up to ensure that they did not campaign effectively for a boycott of the elections, and General Zia said on the eve of the poll that they would be released as soon as the election was over, as the purpose of detention would then have been served.

Instead, the regime waited, not only until the assemblies were elected but until they had convened and agreed on a Prime Minister — Mr. Muhammad Khan Junejo. Only then did it start releasing the politicians.

Although the country did not heed the call by the eleven party alliance, the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD) for a boycott of the election, the regime clearly believes the politicians are still dangerous.

The leader, inside the country, of the Pakistan Peoples Party, Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi, is still under house arrest in Karachi. He will not be released until after April 4 — the sixth anniversary of the

execution of his party's founder, the former prime minister, Mr. Bhutto — according to a Karachi newspaper, which said he had been "informed".

Mr. Bhutto's intelligence chief, Mr. Rao Rashid, is still in gaol, and his governor of North-West Frontier province, former Major General Nasrullah Khan, is the one person the present governor, General Fazlehasan, has said he will not release.

Also still in gaol are the leader, Maulana Fazlur Rahman, and the Sind provincial leader of the religious party most opposed to the regime — the Jul, as well as some leftwingers from small parties, and a number of long-term political prisoners.

A PPP activist, Mr. Salman Taseer, said after his release on Saturday that members of the National Assembly, elected while he and his colleagues were behind bars, now had to prove their worth by forcing the abolition of martial law and the release of all political prisoners.

As the politicians emerge from gaol, they face some radical rethinking. The election was a success. The parliament has credibility. They are, for the moment, out in the cold.

Should they remain in isolation, still maintaining that they can have nothing to do with a parliament elected in the shadow of martial law and the rigged referendum?

Or should they start trying to get back into the political process which, no matter how flawed, has begun?

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That chance could come soon. Because some people were elected to more than one seat, by-elections must be held raising the question of whether the opposition should stand and, if they did, could a candidate be seen as a defector, still maintaining that

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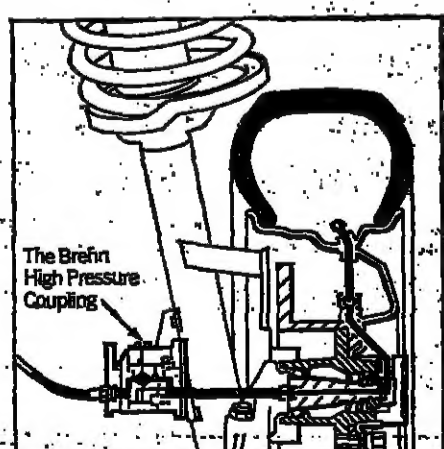
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Majority voting urged for new EEC twelve

Accustomed as we are to procrastination and crisis in the European Community, the most remarkable aspect of the Brussels summit at the weekend was its lack of drama. The last meeting of heads of government in Dublin in December promised otherwise, when general agreement on the admission of Spain and Portugal was overshadowed at the last minute by a Greek reservation demanding vast sums in compensation for accepting enlargement. But this time Mr Papandreu, deeply embroiled in a political crisis at home, arrived late and left early, conferring an apparently unlimited power of attorney on his ministerial substitute. Thus the problem of integrated Mediterranean Programmes (IMPS) which had blown up so swiftly at Dublin no less swiftly faded away in Brussels as the other members took judicious advantage of Mr Papandreu's distraction. Since the agreement on IMPS still leaves his government in a position to claim major concessions, Mr Papandreu's wise decision not to fight a war on two fronts, in Brussels as well as in Athens, gives him nothing to complain about and the rest of the Community grounds for relief.

The final political endorsement of enlargement therefore stands as the milestone of this session of the European Council. With a bit of luck and a lot of hard work on the small print Spain and Portugal will just be able to join on time on January 1. The effects of a failure in this area after eight years of stupefyingly complicated negotiations did not bear thinking about, as the existing Ten clearly realised. It was an added bonus that the summit had been left with no outstanding issues to resolve, thanks to a record series of sessions held by the foreign ministers in the preceding fortnight. The successful conclusion of their negotiations on the very eve of the summit, consummated orchestrated by the Italians who currently hold the rotating Community presidency, spared the heads of government the indignity of having to wrangle about lemons, wine and fishing boats.

Another piece of smart footwork by the Italians ensured that the summit was not disturbed by the very serious difficulties on farm prices which have yet to be resolved. This was achieved essentially by a well-timed adjournment until this week of the agriculture ministers' council before a breakdown was threatened. Even if the West Germans bring about an impasse in the next few days, there is plenty of time to resolve it before the next summit in Milan in June. Halfway through its term, this Italian presidency already has a strong claim to be one of the most positive so far. Accustomed as they are to juggling with fragile political coalitions at home, the Italians seem to have brought the right skills to the right place at the right time and deserve to be congratulated.

Brussels also showed that the budgetary agreement reached at Fontainebleau last June has been made to stick, together with other important adjustments in the Community's own resources. Nevertheless a Community of 12 will be much harder to run than one of 10, as previous enlargements have shown. The newest members-elect bring special problems of their own, but their admission is an occasion for unqualified joy. It is also the right time to give serious thought to easing the already fantastically complicated and often wearisome process of harmonising the wishes of so many disparate nation-states. The summit told the Adonno committee on "people's Europe" to try harder, but let the report of the Dooze committee on institutional questions lie on the table for consideration at Milan. Among many other things, Dooze calls for the implementation at last of the long-envisioned genuine Common Market by the removal of internal barriers. But the most challenging proposal in the report is for majority voting as the obvious means of speeding decisions. The recent solution of so many apparently intractable problems not only creates a good climate for such a reform but also removes most of the excuses for avoiding it. If the enlarged Community is to make the great leap forward it so often speaks of, this is the most urgent agenda item for Milan.

Wembley is not the Falklands

For Mrs Thatcher, or at least for her public relations advisers, life has become endless summery. No sooner was the Eurosummit out of the way than the Prime Minister was back at Chequers for the weekend's so-called rates summit. This morning it is the turn of the football hooliganism summit. Representatives of the Football Association and the Football League are due at Downing Street for a fixture which will be hard put to live up to its billing. Mrs Thatcher has never believed that the big trophies are won by the cautious, consensus, percentage game. She prefers to psych her opponents out of the contest before it has begun by her all-action, gallery pleasing approach. That is why she has reacted so quickly and publicly to the mayhem at the Luton-Millwall game last month. She believes that millions of TV watching stay-at-homes are looking for a lead and are demanding prime ministerial initiatives. But the trouble with this style is that, while it is popular when it works, it begins to look like self-indulgent gimmickry when it fails.

Mrs Thatcher seems increasingly to believe that she will secure her political future by the grand populist gesture. But football is not the Falklands and her instincts could be a delusion. The banning of the England versus Scotland match from London is a good case in point. Who is really impressed by it? Doubtless there are residents down Wembley Way who will welcome the ban. Certainly it will come as a relief to some bus and train crews. And life in the none too salubrious vicinity of King's Cross will be marginally less sordid for one weekend. But compare that with the national insult to the Scots. That's where the decision is most likely to be remembered. Scottish Tories are not doing at all well in the polls as it is, and Mrs Thatcher's backbenchers in marginal seats like Edinburgh West, Banff and Buchan, Newfrew West and Moray may feel that their Westminster tenure is being trifled with. Mrs Thatcher's gut reaction that people she doesn't like the look of are not to be allowed to go to Nottinghamshire, Moleworth or Wembley is the real stuff of two nations politics.

Since Mrs Thatcher is the president of Grantham FC, she obviously feels that she knows a thing or two about what is needed to clean up football. Clearly there are some commonsense precautions like better fencing and tighter restrictions on local alcohol sales which should be extended to all clubs. But many of the measures now being canvassed, both by politicians and by the football authorities, have been tried, and failed several times. In particular, banning individual clubs is a fruitless and arguably unlawful solution. It is easy to play up the extent of football violence and it is even easier to pretend to have the solutions to it. Actually getting them to work is another matter. That's why Mrs Thatcher may find it easier to reach the summit than to get back down again.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Miscellany at large

Sir—The Commons register does at times come in handy. When the Tory MP, John Carlisle, followed my speech on South Africa on Tuesday, his remarks were along the predictable lines of finding excuses for the apartheid regime.

While he was speaking, I went into the library and saw in the register that Mr Carlisle made a trip to South Africa last year, sponsored by the South African government. When I intervened in his speech to mention this, he responded that he had been on several trips to South Africa.

He continued: "In no case have I paid the air fare for the first-class travel on all my journeys to South Africa, or for the first-class hotels where I have stayed." (Hansard, Col 288, March 26). And he then suggested that I do the same: an invitation which I won't be taking up!

I do hope the South African authorities feel they have had their money's worth from the MP for Luton North—Yours, etc.

David Whanick, MP.
(Lab, Walsall N)
House of Commons.

Sir—We notice from your Diary (March 29) that an American entrepreneur is to develop sites in Israel at which such souvenirs as signed copies of the 10 commandments will be on sale, and visitors will be able to work models of parting of the waves, etc.

We feel the investors in this project would be better advised—if the object is to make money—to move on to the cities of the plain and develop a visitor-participation centre at a reconstructed Sodom and Gomorrah—Yours truly,
Terry Mullins,
London N19.

Sir—Your headline, "IBM to reduce orders to British suppliers" (March 29) contrasts directly with the facts. IBM has consistently increased its procurement in the UK and we expect that to continue.

What is at issue is the reduction of the UK supply industry to take advantage of all the opportunities we offer. We have some excellent UK suppliers, but there are gaps either because the technology is not available here or because necessary investment is too daunting.

The information technology industry's overall trade deficit will be diminished only if UK suppliers as a whole meet the challenge of expanding and developing markets—Yours faithfully,
(Sir) Edwin Nixon,
IBM, London W4.

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Making the best of a jobs free-for-all

Sir—Our employment protection legislation deserves to be examined from a somewhat different perspective to the blind deregulation policies of the Tories.

Nestling in a corner of the Budget was the extension of the qualification period for unfair dismissal protection to two years for all employees. This will help job creation, we are told, because employers will no longer be reluctant to take people on for fear of ending up spending time and money defending themselves in industrial tribunals.

As an employment rights adviser, the majority of people I see have been denied the most basic of employment rights. Two examples spring to mind: no written statement of terms and conditions of employment; and no itemised pay statements. To be denied these rights on a large scale is a terrible indictment of the quality of some employers.

It is the system of enforcing these rights, however, which needs examining for

at present the employee runs disproportionate risks in applying to an industrial tribunal, receiving only two weeks' pay if successful.

Two features of this procedure stand out: employees have to identify themselves and therefore risk the wrath of the employer; and the form of dismissal, now rendered even more likely with the two-year qualification period, the tribunal means that the problem is likely to increase dramatically. Then ask yourself whether you have confidence in the financial ability of an employer who pays from a pay packet—and full of peanuts at that—Yours faithfully,
Neil Ash,
68 Summer Lane,
Reynold, Epsom.

Sir—Having by deliberate economic and social policy forced many workers into a "choice" between miserable wages or long-term unemployment Tom King, in his attempt to soften up pub-

lic opinion for the abolition of wages councils, has the audacity to say that the voice of the unemployed has to be heard.

My own recent research into low pay and the workings of the Agricultural Wages Board confirms the voice of the unemployed. But of course an inconvenience such as an industrial tribunal can be side-stepped by proposing a theory of low wages or no wages.

If the voice of the unemployed is allowed to be heard, nothing is more certain than that this Government will not be listening—Yours faithfully,
Gordon Johnson,
13 Ladbroke Close,
Norwich.

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When the locals go to war over Moleworth

Sir—In "Cruise fall-out" (Grassroots, March 23) John Kiddy who lives close to the Moleworth base, details the curious coincidences of the RAMS (Ratepayers Against Moleworth Settlements) petition opposing the Rainbow peace village.

For example, this petition was completed in just three days to a set deadline—which none of the signatories questioned at the time—and handed in to the Government just hours before the military occupation of the peace village. It thereby gave John Major, MP, and the Government a highly convenient and perfectly timed excuse for the heavy-handed action of the troops.

It is LocAMS (Local Concern About Moleworth Settlements) which is representative of local people in the Moleworth area. A RAMS, which is now calling for a CND-style demonstration to be banned by the Government (Guardian, March 29) comprises a handful of right-wing, pro-nuclear cranks who

don't even support multifarious nuclear disarmament. Richard O'Brien, of the Bridge House, St Ives, Cambridgeshire.

Sir—John Kiddy's article on Moleworth was a largely inaccurate account of recent events in the area. For example, the public meeting last November addressed by John Major, MP, did discuss the future of the base, and the problems to be encountered. His answers were reported fully in the local press.

Nor did LocAMS, the organisation of which Mr Kiddy approves, start for the reasons he describes. Leaflets calling a meeting to form the group were on the seats at the November public meeting before Mr Major spoke; this appears con-

vinently to have been forgotten. It is hardly surprising that the RAMS group contains Conservatives as the area is one of the strongest parts of the most Conservative constituency in East Anglia. However, as a member of RAMS, it was not formed by the local Conservative association or John Major, but by local residents.

These local residents do not object to people protesting, but to the way in which they do so, interfering as it does with our lives. There have been numerous examples of trespass, theft, and illegal siting. Just before the illegal siting, a local post office was on the point of closing because its owners could no longer bear the harassment from campers—Yours faithfully,
(Mrs) Dilly Eggleston,
The Hoppings,
Catworth, Cambs.

For the protection of what?

Sir—Judith Hampson, the RSPCA's chief animal experimentation officer, should not go unchallenged in her use of spurious rhetorical questions to equate vivisection with human welfare ("The unspeakable" Society Tomorrow, March 27).

By such reasoning one would expect the US, the country with the highest vivisection figures and largest drug market to be top of the life-expectancy league. In fact, it rates only 17th, below even Bulgaria.

Most vivisection is, as Ms Hampson says, in the field of medical and related research but what she fails to say is that the opposition is directed towards a financial return, not therapeutic need. The degrees to which ethics are subservient to profit is amply demonstrated by the open practice of putting new drugs to the test on the backs of the poor.

Furthermore, duplication is at epidemic proportions. For example, there are more than 100 brands of aspirin on the UK market, each mandatorily having undergone LD50 poisoning "tests" (though, in fairness, it should be noted that at a 1982 conference experimenters voted 20:1 in favour of the abolition of this notorious test, deeming it obsolete "bad legislation" and "more in the nature of a public relations exercise"). This bureaucratic stratagem squanders both taxpayers' money and animals' lives.

Animal tests cannot necessarily be extrapolated to the human condition. On the very same page as Ms Hampson's article on vivisection, we find a piece ("Spots of trouble") in which it is said that, though a compound was implicated as a carcinogen in animal tests, the results do not necessarily mean that humans are at risk. Ironically, the article goes on to make reference to the Committee on Safety of Medicines, set up after the Thalidomide tragedy: this drug was the product of animal tests.

Why does Ms Hampson feel it is acceptable to experiment on cats and dogs

which are not pets, for the sake of those which are? Suffering is suffering, and the perception of pain in humans, and of it in mammals, is general, operational by identical physiological means. What is the moral basis of Ms Hampson's assumption that animals are ours to treat as we see fit?

Was not the RSPCA founded to counter such arrogant tyranny?—Yours faithfully,
John Postman,
Derbyshire College of Higher Education.

Sir—While agreeing wholeheartedly with Jane Fonda's view that the Government's amended White Paper on the use of our fellow species in experimentation is at least a step in the right direction, and will for the first time allow animal welfare groups to put their views to a referendum, far from questioning "how effective a new law will be," her article accepts uncritically the Government's philosophical and legislative position.

She accepts two inescapable assumptions: that to experiment on animals which are or were family pets is somehow more abhorrent than experimentation on animals specifically bred for that purpose; and that human welfare is more important than animal welfare. Since it is not intelligence, but the ability to feel pain that is the essential criterion as regards the ethics of vivisection, Jane Fonda's position is morally indefensible.

Of course we must ask whether "we want our children to be protected against polio and diphtheria." But we must also ask whether we have the right to inflict pain on members of other species for our own or our children's benefit.

Accepting the dominant species and anthropocentric world view will only delay the day when the other species on this planet have the same moral consideration as human beings—Yours sincerely,
Andrew Watson,
Scottish Ecology Party,
Edinburgh.

The dance the Labour Party is leading the trade unions



Hugo Young

THE Conservative Party political broadcast last week opened on a note of intense nostalgia. As the Gallup poll was showing the party six points behind Labour, pictures of the 1978 winter of discontent, with commentary to match, were shown on up. For five years this has been without much doubt the episode most deeply influential on the Tories' political psyche. The key to their appeal. The unbridled bodies and the undriven petrol tankers of late-Callaghan Britain scarred the national memory and persuaded the electorate that literally anything would be better than that.

What is most striking about these pictures now, however, is their irrelevance. Those are scenes from some distant time which no longer seems to have anything to do with current events. One can see why the Tories want to hang on to them. They served the purpose of blackening the Labour Party for longer than any past event would, in the normal course of adversarial politics, be thought capable of doing. But they have lost their power. The party is

clutching to a tallman which, it presumably hopes, will somehow make the old magic work one more time.

Why are these images of chaos and industrial failure being replayed by others? It is strange to be recalling the winter of 1978 after an autumn, winter, and spring of football hooliganism. Why these pictures are always let down by the Tories' own political damage done by a Government by prime-time televising of uncontrollable mass thuggery.

It is in fact a risky reaction: almost Wilsonian in its lurch towards instant crisis management, and in danger of pinning the Prime Minister's name to almost certain failure. Why should the Tories be more capable than anyone else of ending the havoc wreaked by the most corrupt sport in Britain? But Mrs Thatcher has always let down by these incompetent men, and taking personal charge of the police operation.

The new football vandalism represents a Tory liability. It helps to unify the winter of discontent. So does the miner's strike, and even more effectively the industrial violence. In the full-memory of industrial violence, the scenes from South Yorkshire last summer's riot have been displaced all others. In this respect, the fact that the Government "won" does not matter much. What matters is that an industrial break-

down, featuring repeated lawlessness, paraded across the screen for 12 months. No government, we learned, has any uniquely reliable force for industrial harmony.

Thus, in part, has Labour's single greatest liability been exercised. BUT THAT IS not the end of the story. Something deeper may also be happening to change the political landscape, by changing the politics of trade unionism. It too goes back to the miners' strike.

Some people in Conservative Central Office tend to see the defeat of the NUM as an unequalled political bonus of huge, if imprecise, dimensions. They think the humiliation of Mr Scargill, which proceeds week by week, drives home some point to the electorate which they will not pay; that ministers are steadfast people; that the NUM has lost its power to break elected politicians.

The description is true enough, but I find the political conclusion far from irresistible. Mr Scargill has lately been humbled. When he appears on television now he looks like a whipped dog. It will be years before the NUM has the resources, let alone the will, to pose a threat to any government. But the Thatcher Government is not the only beneficiary of this. Just as substantially, a hard line has been conferred on Mr Kinnock's Labour Party.

union to beat the Government. Even now ritual requires the party to go making these noises. Yet the political fact is different.

The fact is that Mr Scargill's defeat removes an even bigger problem for Labour than it does for the Conservatives. There is quite a lot of evidence that in the eyes of the voters, Labour's perceived subordination to union might is one of the largest counts against it. That was undoubtedly true in 1979, and the nerve cord is still being effectively touched in 1983. But now that the NUM has collapsed as a political force, what does "union might" any longer consist of? How can Labour be represented as the lapdog of the unions when the unions themselves have no chair at the table?

The irony reaches further. Not merely has the Government's determination to shut pits helped to rehabilitate Mr Kinnock and his party. The battery of legislation which has removed legal privileges and reduced unions to the ranks has similarly assisted in this regard. Union decline, pushed on its way by unemployment, is the biggest single change in the social picture of Britain since 1979. Opposed by Labour at every turn, it nevertheless removes any possibility of charging that to put Labour in office, is to let union power loose across the land.

This does not mean that the bonds between Labour and the unions are growing weaker. At the moment they're the object of the most intense intra-party campaign now under way in politics: the preparations for ballots on union political funds. Labour could yet and itself minus half-a-dozen

major unions, with horrendous financial if not political consequences.

Nobody yet has any confident feel for how this process will work out. So far the party has kept out of it, obeying the unions' request to let them run their campaign themselves. This may change as the Labour Whips, already immersed in it from the union side, has become Labour's general secretary. And there is at least some reason to believe that the chances of a positive vote in many unions have improved.

The combination of Labour doing better and the Tories doing worse has created the campaign something to fight for. So does the gathering impression, fostered far beyond the Labour Party, that the Tories represent a threat to democracy itself and needs to be opposed wherever opposition can be mustered.

SO, WHAT HAS happened to the unions since 1979 has not merely altered the old alliance with the party. It has two significant political consequences for the future.

The first is what Labour will and will not promise to do. Now that the unions have been tamed, there are plenty of Labour politicians who want them to stay tamed. Having seen what overnight unions were able to do to their own democratic government, they don't all have much stomach for acting out the rhetoric that in this great movement of ours the unions must be restored to a dominant place.

One consequence of the five years is that the TUC barons quite simply have less muscle to make demands. Labour leaders with an eye to the wider, floating electorate

want to do as little as possible to encourage them. Thus specific pledges to repeal all the Tories' anti-union legislation have been dropped. It is a hallmark of Mr Kinnock's leadership that he has been sparingly offered Mr Kaufman's promise last week to remove all the anti-union legislation which has crept on to the Tory agenda since 1979, and clearly intended as a preemptive deterrent on the union front, it will be interesting to watch precisely which items in the statutes are given a categorical priority for dismantling.

But the second political effect is on the Government. The Tories, having been slaughtered, can no longer be summoned to the cause of Union power, instead offering the resonant message with which to frighten the wavering faithful, has become a symbol of something quite different: the fact that the Government can no longer fight on Labour's record, whether in the winter of 1978 or any other time.

This is the big change that's now happened. It took an awfully long time. How- ever, the present, these Tories said the past is best. blame and the past belongs to someone else. This threat to them through massive unemployment and privatisation, and the blackpools to win the 1985 election. Now the past, and the blame for the present, belong to them alone. They will still look for scapegoats. The Chancellor can still celebrate on Mr Scargill for having wrecked his radical budget. But he too will be a diminishing asset in this role. He has been broken. Finally there are no more alibis.

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Now, the Guardian path to nights of eating pleasure PLUS a chance of real cash winnings

The Gourmet Club and the Gourmet Game: how they work



Mr Harry Roche, Guardian managing director, launches the Gourmet Club at an interested gathering of restaurant owners and caterers. Left, the Gourmet Card (actual size)

GETTING THE CARD: By now tens of thousands of readers will already have received their Guardian Gourmet Card, dropped through their letter boxes with this morning's papers.

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USING THE CARD: Next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday — in three full pages — The Guardian will print the names and addresses of the 7,000 initial participating restaurants, broken down into local, regional and national categories. As other restaurants join, they will be listed week by week on Friday's Food and Drink Page. When you have your card and your chosen participating restaurant, simply ring up to reserve a table and add that you are a Guardian Gourmet Club member. Present your

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All restaurants on our lists have been carefully vetted for quality and service by a scrutiny panel, chaired by Christopher Driver, editor of Guardian Food and Drink and former editor of the Good Food Guide. If you have cause to be dissatisfied with standards at your chosen restaurant, please write to Christopher Driver with specific complaints. Remember, Clause Three of the opening constitution of the Club pledges it to work to achieve "long term improvements in the level of British restaurant cuisine."

BUT THERE IS MORE: The Gourmet Club is not merely your own individual passport to eating pleasure. It also, over the next three months, offers the chance of winning up to £50,000 in prize money, free meals and foreign travel.

Here is how it works. Every card — as pictured above — features its own separate and distinct ten digit number broken into sequences of three, four, three. That is your personal code, to each and every daily prize competition. Please keep it safe.

Each week a panel of top chefs, under the chairmanship of Fries Laith, The Guardian's cookery expert, will independently select their favourite three course dinner to a particular culinary theme. Each day a starter, main course and dessert from the list will be chosen totally at random.

For instance, a typical menu on a British theme might be:

Cream of Tomato Soup
Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding
Sherry Trifle

That menu, once randomly selected and cooked, will be subject to instant calorific value analysis by the Good Housekeeping Institute — and those calorific counts become the key to the prizes.

Thus, Cream of Tomato Soup has 274 calories. Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding has 642 calories. Sherry Trifle has 397 calories. So the winning number for that day is:

274 642X 397. Please note that the fourth number — the seventh sequence — the seventh number in all — may be a digit or an X to accommodate dishes of higher and/or lower calorific value. In rare cases where the starter or dessert exceeds three digits (for example, Sachertorte mit Schlag) the panel will "deem" that dish to have a

lower calorific value, and add the excess points to the main course total. Where the value of the starter or dessert amounts to only two digits, a glass of Muscadet (85 calories) or Beaumes-de-Venise (148 calories) will be automatically added to the shortfall.

Every morning, on the back page, The Guardian will print its menu of the day and the winning calorific count. Telephone lines — as detailed above — will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you hold the winning card, you must apply in person between those hours (British Standard Time). No late claims can be considered and, in the event of the right number not being found, the daily £1,000 prize will be rolled forward by 24 hours. In the event of a failure to find a winning card within 48 hours, the judges may, at their discretion, add a "wildcard" prize — a calorific value, 100 points — to either the starter or main course of the day.

Each Saturday morning the judges, from the fifteen dishes already randomly selected that week, will choose the menu that, in their expert opinion, forms the week's best balanced meal. This will provide the calorific count numbers, for the week's £5,000 — or European tour — Banquet prize. (A fortnight at a Department of Health approved health farm may also be requested.)

Every Friday, Guardian Food and Drink will print the full recipes for the preceding week's chosen menu, together with a collection of readers' best variations on these gastronomic dishes. There will

be one dozen completely free meals as prizes for the best reader contributions to this page.

All calorific counts for the preceding week will also be detailed, building over months into a handy and comprehensive restaurant calorific guide for the diet conscious and discriminating eater.

The judges wish to emphasise that, unlike other similar competitions, the process leading to the nomination of winning numbers will be completely ruled by chance. As a health precaution, three courses heavily reliant on animal fats may be altered and a random second choice made.

No participating chef will know which other two dishes will complete the menu he is embarked on. And the calorific count feeding on a specific, individually prepared dish, will be conducted by independent and highly qualified experts.

The style of cooking covered, moreover, will be varied from week to week to ensure a fair spread of numbers, both high and low. For example, week one, beginning on April 8, will cover German cuisine, with its traditionally robust calorific count, while week two will feature dishes of the French "nouvelle cuisine" in order to engage holders of low calorific count cards. Other weeks planned include traditional English, Scandinavian, North Indian, and Vietnamese style dishes.

A separate contest for vegetarians may also be launched in the autumn if demand proves substantial enough.

Ritzing it up — with 15% off

THE HIGH LEVEL of benefits of the new Guardian Gourmet Club were emphasised yesterday by Mr Harry Roche, managing director of the paper, outlining the details of the scheme to a buffet supper party of restaurant owners and catering managers at The Guardian's London headquarters.

Reductions of 15 per cent — by coincidence, the precise level of VAT — would provide a real incentive to dine out, he said.

"And whilst the effective saving at the bottom end of the scale — 15 pence off every pound spent — may not appear too meaningful on, for example, a Berni Inn spring menu offer, it is undoubtedly the case, as with chateaux bottled caviar, that the advantage becomes manifestly more worthwhile in the upper reaches of gastronomy. A £100 dinner for two at the Ritz, for example, will produce a bill of only £85."

Mr Nico Ladenis, of Chez Nico, welcomed the initiative. Guardian readers, he said, were more trustworthy in actually arriving to take up booked tables. In his experience, then, readers of other newspapers.

"If the proportion of Guardian readers at Chez Nico increases as a percentage of the total newspaper reading, dining — out — will be possible, at the year's end, to calculate an extra small percentage of saving."

M. Philippe Lubouzier, patron of Le Moulin de Ragout, Nimes (a Michelin two star establishment), extended an enthusiastic welcome to the scheme on behalf of the 197 affiliated French restaurants.

"In such an international enterprise," he said, "we must strive to avoid unnecessary and unpleasant wrangles about rates of exchange. For this reason we intend to index our currency to the cover price of The Guardian abroad, taking 25 pence English money as the equivalent of the established French selling price of seven francs. In this fair minded way, I feel utterly sure, both restaurant owner and English diner may go forward in trust and security."

There was some heated questioning of The Guardian's editor, Mr Peter Preston, about his previous public attacks on Fleet Street's

bingo practices. Mr Preston described the prize element in the new Gourmet packages "no more than a summer diversion" and "just a little light-hearted fun," he said, and in no way comparable with "the brute competitive use of vast cash resources by megalomaniacs which had so outraged public opinion."

"I cannot of course deny that there is £850,000 at stake here," he said. "Nevertheless the whole tone and refined taste of the competition, redolent of wild strawberries rather than the sweaty armpits of the Stock Exchange, invites a totally different response from readers."

Mr Roche, proposing a toast to the Guardian Gourmet Club, made a number of what he termed routine announcements on the precise functioning of the Club. Readers with so-called winning numbers who had not yet had them verified in person, he said, would be asked to travel to London or Manchester by rail or air, and would be accommodated overnight at some suitable station hotel. Readers on the Continent or in Northern Ireland might be asked to make a nominal contribution to transport costs. If, on presentation, the "winning" number turned out to be wrong, then The Guardian and Manchester programme presenter, producer, editor, and phased-out Times columnist, and Practical Computing editor Jack Schofield, well-known to Guardian readers, would be asked to make a nominal contribution to transport costs. If, on presentation, the "winning" number turned out to be wrong, then The Guardian and Manchester programme presenter, producer, editor, and phased-out Times columnist, and Practical Computing editor Jack Schofield, well-known to Guardian readers, would be asked to make a nominal contribution to transport costs.

He confirmed that for the purposes of the competition and Trodes Description Act — he said, it was proposed to designate Reykjavik, Tbilisi, Mannheim, and Bilbao as "leading European culinary centres."

The full panel of judges, under Mr Driver's chairmanship, had not yet been chosen.

At this point in time, he said, it had proved impossible to accommodate both Lord Tonypanny, ex-Speaker of the House, and Mr Michael Foot, ex-Leader of the Labour Party, because they kept insisting each other. He had also personally disapproved Lord Wilson of Hutton for smoking his pipe at lunch. Ms Anna Ford had asked other panellists in manner of embarrassing questions, whilst some other panellists had caused all manner of embarrassment to Ms Ford.

Nevertheless, the moment six men and women could be found who would be civil to each other through a five-course lunch, then their names would be announced, Mr Driver said. A telegram from Mr Rupert Murdoch asking that kangaroo soup be an early dish of the day was read to the meeting, but its authenticity was widely questioned.

Media File....

Looking at the leap

I WOULD NOT normally inflict anything so demerolish upon you, but I feel obliged to draw your attention to the programme in which I am to appear on Channel 4 this evening. It is the latest in that probing series Channel 4 Investigates, and the subject is one of the most urgent issues facing the electronic media, both for audiences and for the creative community: what are the implications, for all of us, of the new race of computer-generated television presenters? To be launched upon us by C4 itself from next Saturday? Not without cause is tonight's analysis titled *A Leap Forward in Television*.

The alarm caused by the arrival of The Max Headroom Show — a weekly rock-music series — and its computerised, computer-generated television presenters, may be judged by the distinction of the line-up in which I find myself for the programme. Chaired by Gillian Reynolds, at inclusion John Barron, a vice-president of the digitally threatened Equity, Phillip Whitehead, ex-MP and Annon Committee member, religious programme presenter, producer, editor, and phased-out Times columnist, and Practical Computing editor Jack Schofield, well-known to Guardian readers, would be asked to make a nominal contribution to transport costs.

The other member is Peter Wagg, producer of both The Max Headroom Show and the dramatised account of his creation, a one-hour feature film starring the hallowed Film On Four slot on Thursday at 9.30 pm, to show us just how the cynical manipulators of a major media empire, and Headroom, created from the brain-pan of its own doomed ace investigative reporter, I fear you will find young Mr Wagg regrettably detached about the whole business of television, the presence of a man who already has a major US network in tow, he merely points to the existence of two such creatures in Japan.

In a similar way, it is likely to offend Mr Barron the deal Japanese robot manufacturers have with the workers made redundant by robots — a payment into union funds. And he also points out that the whole business of television, the presence of a man who already has a major US network in tow, he merely points to the existence of two such creatures in Japan.

THE LEVY on blank video and audio tapes, proposed in the Government's Green Paper, has now met with a loud counterblast from the Tape Manufacturers' Group, representing all the major names in the industry. The idea of imposing a levy on all tape sales just in case they are used to lift copyright material is, as seen by TMG chairman Christopher Hobbs, "like the Government adding £50 to the price of all cars sold to allow for offences that the owners might commit."

As to the actual sum in question, TMG claims that the suggested levies (5 per cent on video and 10 per cent on audio) would end up nearer 20 per cent by the time trade banding mark-ups and VAT were included. Leading a list of other objections on practical and philosophical grounds, the group produced a survey disputing previous claims on behalf of the music and record industry: less than 22 per cent of the population buy blank tapes at all (not 44 per cent), almost 70 per cent (not 50 per cent) of record taping is by the owners of the records; and over 25 per cent is gone to keep the records in good condition.

Taunting the Government with having made a U-turn, they quote Norman Lamont, minister for films: "I am not prepared to accept any justification for a levy." You have one month to give your own views to the DTI.

CABLE TELEVISION services passed 702,729 homes on March 1, an increase of 1.88 per cent since January 1, and 146,390 more since the last time signed up — a 12.44 per cent rise — according to the latest figures from the recently operative JICCAR (Joint Industry Committee for Cable Audience Research). Of the package, new cable channels now on offer, it reports that 134,387 homes were taking Sky Channel, 113,880 have the Thorne EMI Music Box and Children's Channel, and 101,977 get Screensport. That leaves two shoes still not dropped: the rival feature film channels, Premiere and TEN — The Movie Channel, sold on a special price, and on whose ultimate success (even in a merged monopoly) the allure of cable is expected to depend.

Peter Fiddick
Media editor

Derrick Mercer finds less than full co-operation from newspaper editors.

Non-combatants in an undeclared war

Press File....

THREE YEARS ago a war began. It was never declared, officially and few had expected the initial skirmishes to escalate into full-scale conflict. Yet a legacy of mistrust and hostility persists even today, bedevilling prospects of better understanding.

I mean the tensions which developed between the British media and the British Government during the Falklands War.

There was much trumpeting about the public's right to know and much complaining about the inadequacies, to put it charitably, of the Government's handling of press relations. Strange, then, that the only people to spurn the officially approved but independently acquired letters between governments, the military, and the media should have been some of these very apostles of openness.

Ironically, when I took over responsibility for the British aspect of the inquiry, I had feared the opposite: that officialdom, whether pin-striped or uniformed, would seek protective cover. This would destroy the credibility of inquiry which is being conducted by the Ministry of Defence. Conspiracy theorists would have a field day.

I therefore argued that two points should be accepted at the outset. First, the eventual report should be published; second, we should be interviewed as well as those people who declined to be interviewed as well as those who did give evidence. Both suggestions were accepted by the Ministry of Defence, which was represented at that time by, among others, a quiet young civil servant called Clive Fording.

Thus, when the report goes to Michael Heseltine, the Defence Secretary, this summer, he will see that I have interviewed all the chiefs of staff at the time of the Falklands, all the commanding officers most involved with the media, most members of

the war cabinet, and the key civil servants — in all around 300 people in Britain, America, and Western Europe.

They included, to be fair, many journalists who gave generously of their time: political and defence correspondents, former Task Force reporters and some — but not all — editors. Running the Sun, Mirror, Star, Mail, or Morning Star would appear to be more time-consuming than commanding the British Army in Germany or the Royal Navy's Fleet headquarters.

Sir David English, of the Daily Mail, was quite candid. He wrote a courteous letter, regretting that he was too busy. Brian Rix, London editor of the Daily Star, was initially eager to talk, but somehow an appointment was never convenient and my final letter went unanswered. But at least Mr Rix and Sir David got around to writing.

Mike Molloy (Daily Mirror), Kelvin MacKenzie (The Sun) and Tony Chater (Morning Star) failed to reply to two letters — others posted on the same days arrived safely. The lack of response from the Sun will surprise nobody who remembers Mr MacKenzie's failure to accept the Queen's invitation to the Palace to discuss press harassment of the Princess of Wales.

I am sure there were extenuating circumstances for some of the refusals. Mike Molloy clearly has had his hands full with Mr Maxwell, Kelvin MacKenzie had industrial disputes, and Tony Chater internal party strife. Newspaper offices are also notoriously inefficient when it comes to handling letters and telephone calls.

However, it does seem sad that the editors of Britain's largest-selling newspapers should forfeit an opportunity to influence a report which was commissioned largely as the result of the media's own moans about what it regarded as the Falklands, both-up-the-report could, of course, be destined for a dusty pigeon-hole, but as of now it is awaited as the trigger for future policy-making by the Whitehall Information Machine in general and the military chiefs in particular.

Derrick Mercer was formerly managing editor (news) of the Sunday Times and editor of Channel Four News.



David Davis: resonant title, lean operation

IT WAS in the United States that the original single television drama first flowered, in the 1950s. In the golden age of Cheyenne and the West, and it was in the US that it first died, as the commercial networks found the popular appeal of the endless series and forsook the risk of creativity.

So quickly did the tradition wither that a decade or so later, when infant non-commercial Public Broadcasting System looked for better fare, it turned to the plays and serialisations of BBC and ITV with such appetite that its critics took to sneering at it as "the Purely British Service." A major committee of inquiry in the 1970s spoke severely of "television with a British accent."

Patriotism might be the last refuge of scoundrels, but sometimes it works for the good guys too. 1985 has brought to Americans the fourth season of the deliberately and defiantly titled American Playhouse, a run of 22 peaktime dramas, 18 of them new, almost all made on film, and all in some way reflecting the life of the real America. Last week one of them, *El Norte*, was in the Oscars list. On Wednesday, when the National Film Theatre in London begins a month-long season of American Playhouse's work, it will be as though the impoverished cousin has come back to haunt its new

Peter Fiddick reports a British salute to a US television breakthrough

Playhouse of the Western world

found wealth: even Film on Four cannot yet match this level of new-film output.

"We have become by default," observes David Davis, "the single biggest supporter of independent films — the sort of feature that has a budget of under two million dollars — in the USA."

Davis is president and executive director of American Playhouse, but the resonance of the title belies the tenacity of his operation. Just three full-time professionals form the team in their New York office: Davis, his executive director Lindsay Law, a 35-year-old with a flair for making independent film understood, and Miranda Barry, the director responsible for story development.

But through this unit now pass 2,000 scripts a year, and when outside readers have been through them, 10 per cent survive the first cut, to be read between the trip, and go on to a final group think-tank. The chosen producers face a rigorous deal. David Davis, 39 years old, started as a

studio for 450,000 dollars, and closes with the world premiere of Philip Leacock's three-hour blockbuster *Three Sovereigns For Sarah*, a reappraisal of the Salem witch-hunt, with Vanessa Redgrave as star.

Along the way, there are films already seen in the cinema or London Film Festival, like *El Norte*, and some other familiar names: American Playhouse was co-produced with the BBC in the Emmy-winning mini-series about Alger Hiss, *Concealed Enemies*; Alan Bridges directs the Mark Twain portrait of racism, *Fudd'nhead Wilson*; Tristram Powell's version of Philip Roth's *The Ghost Writer* has already won prizes.

David Davis is realistic about money, and the usefulness of coproductions, just as he is about the need to take note of public taste. American Playhouse was born when the heads of three of the biggest PBS stations, WNET and WGBH in New York and Boston, and KCLA in Los Angeles, had realised that if they were ever to overcome the dependence on British drama, they would have to sink their differences. It was at that moment that Davis, known to all of them, decided to leave the Ford Foundation, and to start the need of someone they and the other stations in the less-than-united system could trust. With \$5 millions from the stations, a matching \$5 mil-

lions grant from the federally funded Corporation for Public Broadcasting (in Reagan's America at least), American art still won support, the new unit had the basis for seeking the other grants, donations, and production-by-production funding that is crucial to the operation.

The pressure from the stations is real. This is not a commercial network, but it is peak-time television and every station has its own subscribers to please. Story lines are important: "There's no room for off-Broadway." And after a dust-up with the South in the third season ("We had a little rebellion among the troops"), language and nudity are not looked on with the cinema's relaxed eye.

But American Playhouse looks established for the long term. It can show ratings matching those of Masterpiece Theatre, the long-running Mobil-sponsored slot in which the British big-guns like *Brideshead* are played. Davis's team can consider expanding with a profit-making subsidiary free to back the ideas that might work best in the cinema alone.

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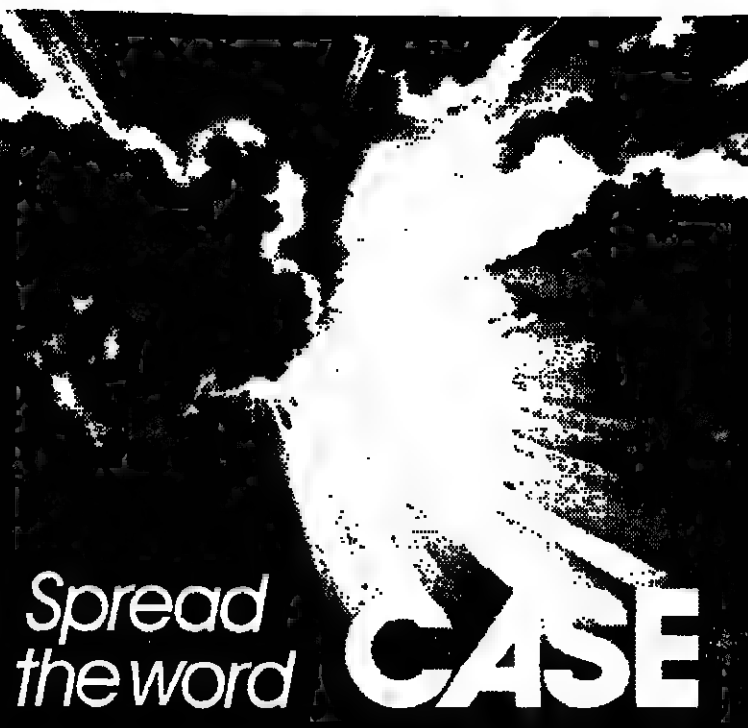
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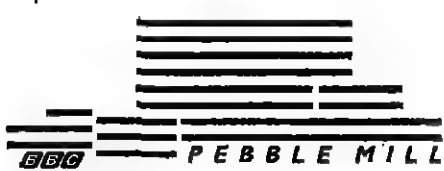
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Jupiter is conspicuous before dawn, rising in the east-south-east about 98 minutes before sunrise on April 1 and some 137 minutes before sunrise on April 30. It improves from magnitude -2.1 to -2.3, approaches from 830 million to 783 million km, and moves east-north-eastwards in the heart of the constellation Capricornus to pass a mere 0.1 degrees north of the fourth magnitude star, Theta Capricorni, on April 18.

Do not confuse Jupiter with Venus, which is brighter still, further to the east, and deeper in the dawn twilight. Pluto reaches opposition on April 23 as an exceedingly faint telescopic object of magnitude 13.7 in eastern Virgo (see south map). At an opposition distance of 4306 million km, it is actually 140 million km closer to the Earth than Neptune on the same day.

Observations made in January and February at observatories in California, Texas, and Hawaii show that Pluto and its moon Charon are eclipsing each other every three days. Satisfying predictions made after Charon was discovered in 1978. These eclipses, visible for only two hours each, will be used to provide accurate information about the sizes and masses of Pluto and Charon. Earlier studies using the technique of speckle interferometry suggest the two are only 4,000 and 2,000 km wide respectively, separated by 22,000 km, and so light that they (like Saturn) would float easily in a bathtub. The amount of light could be found, even though it could be found.

Diary

All times are BST

Apr. 3 15h Mercury 12 inferior conjunction
Apr. 3 22h Venus 12 inferior conjunction
Apr. 5 12h Full moon.
Apr. 8 08h Saturn 3 deg N of Moon.
Apr. 10 17h Uranus 3 deg N of Moon.
Apr. 10 20h Neptune 5 deg N of Moon.
Apr. 12 06h Moon at last quarter
Apr. 13 18h Jupiter 5 deg N of Moon.
Apr. 22h Venus at opposition
Apr. 20 08h New Moon.
Apr. 22 03h Maximum of Lyrids
Apr. 22 14h Occultation of Mars.
Apr. 23 13h Pluto at opposition.
Apr. 25h Moon at first quarter
May 1 18h Mercury at greatest

by Alan Pickup

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This is a splendid opportunity to observe crescent Venus as a "star" in the dawn. Indeed, a telescopic observer may see an arc of light surrounding the disk near conjunction as the Sun's rays are refracted around the planet through the dense atmosphere. From the Earth, Venus is less than 1 per cent sunlit at conjunction. Venus shrinks to an 18 per cent sunlit 44 arc second disk at the end of April, brightening from magnitude +4.0 to +5 as it recedes from 46 million to 37 million km.

Mercury, also at inferior conjunction between the Sun and the Earth on April 3, lies just below the twilight to be seen this month.

Compared with its promise of a year ago, Mercury is dim magnitude +5.5 object drifting closer to obscurity in our evening twilight. It sets in the west-north-west at about 22.45 BST on April 1 and only

north-west on April 20, moving eastward towards the Arctics into Taurus where it passes 3.5 degrees south of the Pleiades on April 23. Observers with telescopes may see a daylight occultation of Mars by the young Moon on April 24. As seen from London, Mars disappears at the Moon's north-eastern limb at 13.01 and reappears at the west limb at 14.11. The corresponding times for Edinburgh are 13.15 and 14.01. Mars lies 3 degrees below-right of the moon that evening.

Saturn becomes well established as the most prominent evening object in the south-east this month as it creeps westwards near the star Gamma Librae (see south map). It rises in the east-south-east at about 23.45 on April 1, two hours earlier by 1.5 minutes each day, and is to pass 15 to 20 degrees high in the south four and a half hours later. During the period it brightens from magnitude 0.3 to 0.1, becoming

Venus has the rare distinction of being both a morning and evening star as the month opens, though it is quickly lost from the evening sky as it moves to pass 8 degrees north of the Sun at inferior conjunction on April 3. It stands 8 degrees high in the west-north-west at sunset on April 1, and the same distance above the east-north-eastern horizon at the following sunrise. Three nights later it stands only two degrees high at sunset and 7 degrees high at sunrise. By the end of the month it rises

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The high frontier is no place for the low profile

Julian
Critchley

HAROLD Macmillan once claimed that we should become "the Greeks" in America's "Roman Empire", a pretty vanity perhaps, but a point nonetheless. Forty years on, Mrs Thatcher and Sir Geoffrey Howe are faced with the problem of President Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative, which might render Soviet missiles obsolete and totally impotent. That we should live so long.

In Britain, Star Wars has the support of the leader-writers of the Times

and of Sir Frederic Benett, the Conservative MP for Torquay. The centre and the sensible Right have their doubts, as shown by the Foreign Secretary's speech to the Royal United Services Institution, while the Left, unwilling to give the President credit for anything, finds itself defending deterrence.

Were the Soviets to render all US missiles "obsolete and impotent" the effect would be to rob the US nuclear guarantee to Europe of its credibility, and, at the same time, make a nonsense of NATO's strategy of "flexible response", that is, the threat of escalation and a limited nuclear response in the

event of a Soviet attack. And what if the Americans were to win the race? The path towards the acquisition of a sure defence for continental America would be almost as hard for America's allies to follow as it would be traumatic for the leaders of the Soviet Union.

In his speech in London last month Sir Geoffrey came out from behind the closed doors of diplomacy and made public for the first time the Government's anxieties. Hitherto, private doubts had gone hand in hand with public statements of reassurance of the kind Mrs Thatcher made at Camp David last December and during her visit to Washington.

Sir Geoffrey Howe is not the kind of man who clambers easily upon perches; his doubts about the consequences of Star Wars must now be matched by efforts to bring about a coherent European view, and

to find a forum which could be used to express them. Europeans have three war-risks: strategic, resource and arms control. The SDI serves as reinforcement for European anxieties about the "divisibility" of the Alliance. Would SDI encourage the growth of American self-sufficiency and a return to isolationism?

In fact, it presses most painfully on the sorest spot of all, namely upon the irreconcilable fear lest America would not come to our aid in the event of an attack, and the fear that it would.

At Camp David, President Reagan is supposed to have accepted the need for the maintenance of the balance of power and no US superiority. But, if one of the two superpowers were to steal a march on the other to the extent of over-turning the doctrine of mutual assured destruction, (of the rival weapons systems, command and control etc, not popula-

tions), an offer to make the technology available to the Soviet Union is ridiculous. Soviet pride and paranoia could not permit the Politburo to take delivery of a foreign-made weapon in order to protect the homeland from its capitalist enemies.

An American offer of a "mini Star Wars" system for Europe, giving us the protection to which the United States itself aspires, would founder on the quicker flight time of the SS20s, and would be ineffective against Soviet aircraft and cruise missiles. And were we asked to pay, it could only be at the expense of money that would otherwise have been spent on improving conventional forces.

Were we to assume that no agreement will be reached between the United States and the Soviet Union to prevent an arms race in space, and that, in conse-

quence, both countries race each other to acquire a defence against offensive missiles, the hour of maximum danger would be when the Americans, for example, claim invulnerability, a decisive advantage which given the state of Soviet-American relations of that time could lead to a Soviet decision to launch a pre-emptive attack — either from the East or West, while there was still hope of agreement.

More immediately, the European leaders will find it more difficult, given SDI and the manner of its introduction, to sustain popular support for NATO and European policies. The Alliance has succeeded in deploying cruise and Pershing, despite the opposition but at the cost of bringing to an end the consensus on defence policy in Britain and Germany. We are now being asked to jump through yet another hoop in support of

politics which could offend the European Right as much as the European Left.

Clearly, Europeans have a genuine interest in the success of the Geneva negotiations. But the Europeans must get their act together. The United States must be made to take account of European arguments and fears.

When it comes to "star wars", the Europeans may simply have to learn to lump it. In the meantime, the least effective way of influencing American policy would be for the European states to seek in their separate tents. Could Mrs Thatcher take her rights and speak for Europe? Or Presidents Mitterrand and Kohl? If we "Greeks" want to take the "Roman Empire" by the hand, we should strike together.

Julian Critchley is the Conservative MP for Aldershot, and a vice-chairman of the party's defence committee.



OUT OF COURT

David
Pannick

DURING the past twelve months the passport of David Waddington, Home Office minister in charge of immigration, has been stamped with one embarrassing mark after another.

First there was the undignified spectacle of Mr Waddington breaking alcohol records to award Zola Budd British nationality so she could run in the Olympic Games. Then Mr Waddington repeatedly fell over himself in his efforts in well-publicised cases to remove from the United Kingdom families who had every right, except a legal right to remain here.

In February, the Commission for Racial Equality published a damning indictment (as yet undebated in Parliament) of immigration control procedures. Now, the Guardian has revealed that the Home Office adopts a policy of deliberate delay in relation to the admission to the UK of people from the Indian subcontinent who have a legal right to come here. The Biblical injunction "You shall not wrong an alien or be hard upon him," clearly carries no weight in Whitehall.

The latest act in the sorry saga of British immigration policy began in 1979 when the Guardian revealed that Asian women entering the country at Heathrow Airport were required to undergo a virginity test as part of immigration procedures. The C.R.E.'s consequent plan to conduct a formal investigation under the Race Relations Act into Home Office practices on immigration control was challenged by a frightened Home Office in the High Court in 1980. Mr Justice Woolf rejected the challenge on the ground that such an investigation could be beneficial in promoting good race relations. The conclusions of the C.R.E. report came as no surprise to anyone concerned with immigration law. The procedures reflect a preoccupation with the detection of abuse rather than concern for the rights of genuine claimants. This is manifested in unreasonable application of racial stereotypes, a bias against applicants and a failure to understand that ignorant and timid strictly consistent answers to baffling questions may well be telling the truth.

The recent Guardian revelations are disturbing because they provide by publishing leaked Home Office papers, the human misery caused by the delay in our immigration control procedures is not the unfortunate consequence of an overloaded system, as Mr Waddington has always claimed. Rather, it is the conscious policy of a morally bankrupt bureaucracy which employs few Entry Clearance Officers so that queues remain long and fewer black and brown people are able to enter the UK. People with legal rights to enter the UK are unlawfully kept waiting for two years or more by a Government which professes to believe in the sanctity of family life.

It may be politically right or wrong to have immigration laws which narrowly restrict the circumstances in which people can enter the UK (though decisions on such matters should be made by reference to the facts that most immigrants are now of family members of those already in the UK, and that more people leave the UK each year than arrive here). What is intolerable is that the Home Office should deliberately and persistently break the law by using the device of delay to restrict the entry of people with legal rights to come to the UK. The Home Office is acting unlawfully by using its powers for an improper purpose.

In his 1980 judgment, Mr Justice Woolf explained that the Home Office fears about a C.R.E. investigation were exaggerated. All the C.R.E. could do, he said, would be to publish a report and to make recommendations for a change in the law. These were "results hardly likely to substantially interfere with the functioning of government." However, an overwhelming evidence of insensitivity, incompetence and illegality in the operation of immigration control was revealed by the C.R.E. report and by the Guardian disclosures that the functioning of government in this area needs to be changed by the standards of a civilised society he has "leave to remain" in office.

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If the QRS turned up in Port Stanley... How many Falkland Islanders would take the Government's money and migrate?

FAREWELL TO THE FALKLANDS

Why not give the Falklanders compensation in return for surrendering their 'right' to self-determination? Anthony Barnett re-examines principles Mrs Thatcher says are paramount.

generously compensated? I dream that I picked up a copy of the Sun.

A fabulous fortune for known islanders says Mrs T. She made her surprise announcement in a laughing House. A handful of desolate islanders will be deluged by a Government giveaway. A hundred thousand smackers each, and a free trip in the luxury P and O Canberra if they wish, was announced by our canny PM in the Commons today.

If the Argies want to subsidize the sheep they can, it's typical Latin laziness," said Maggie's spokesman.

I needn't continue. The Falkland Islanders could have been and could still be offered exceptional compensation in return for the end of British sovereignty. They could be given a choice the outcome of which they could determine for themselves. Either to continue as at present or for there to be a British withdrawal and compensation of £100,000 a

head — over a quarter of a million pounds a family — to live under an Argentine administration or move elsewhere; let's say to the Shetlands which prior to 1982 many in Britain anyway confused with the Falklands. To make such a choice would clearly be an act of self-determination.

Why is this choice practical and is it principled? It is practical because of the tiny population of the Falklands. Far from being even a micro-state it is barely more than a company settlement. Over 80 per cent of the land is owned by overseas companies, there are a mere 35 — I'll spell that out thirty-five — owner occupied farms and two tenancies on the Islands. Hardly "self-determination and democracy".

The total locally born population is 1,350. Such is Britain's eagerness to obscure the truth about those for whom it is fighting, that a breakdown of this figure is

unavailable. But approximately 300-350 are children of school and pre-school age and about the same again are retired folk.

So we are discussing the fate of about 900 voting adults. Or, to put it another way, it is unlikely that there are many more than 400 family units. Because this number is so very small, really significant sums could be made available to each to give them a much improved (and even homogeneous) way of life elsewhere.

Major compensation is quite practical, then, quite apart from being much cheaper than a garrison. This brings us to the principle. I wrote about this at the time and tried to distinguish the three different kinds of issue raised by the call for self-determination.

The demand by a people to have their own country and to exercise it as a nation is one thing. It should be confronted here by the same unconfusable fact. It was not always so. Traditional conservatism needed neither philosophy nor politics. Conservatives took it for granted that they had been born to lead. They had all the training that could reasonably be expected, on cricket squares and (rugby) football pitches, and they had been allowed themselves reluctantly to be called on to run the political show.

This conservatism, which might make many in the modern world shudder, was actually taken as a virtue. They could not be accused of having preconceived ideas about what should be done.

They reckoned that with their training in Greek and Sanskrit they could improve the right shot whatever goodwill was bowled to them.

The characteristic of such conservatism was that it did improvise, that it was above all pragmatic. But all that changed with the fall of the Heath government. At that time, the leading Tory explained the electoral defeat by saying, "We lost because we had no philosophy."

At the time I thought them to be the most serious words I had ever heard. Since Conservatives had no traditional philosophy it was not surprising that some

not be confused with the desire of a people not to have their own independence but rather to come under the jurisdiction of a state power that is elsewhere.

The latter is the case with the Falklands. In itself this might cause no problem. But their desire is disputed by another state and so — and this happens often — we have a situation of "over-lapping" claims to sovereignty. Thus the issue becomes: to which of two alternative states should their land belong?

The crucial question then follows: do the people in the middle have the sole or even paramount right to decide between the competing claims? The principle here, as established by the second world war, is that they do not. They do not because the choice may itself determine the destiny of many innocent people, whose views must also count.

To be more specific, the foundation stone of the Munich agreement that came to symbolise appeasement was that a people in the middle of an over-lapping sovereignty dispute should actually have the right to self-determination. Hitler wanted "self-determination" for that part of Czechoslovakia mainly peopled by Sudeten Germans, of who desired affiliation to their fatherland. The appeasers agreed, and argued, that the Sudeten Germans should have "the right to self-determination".

As we know, from the records the British advocates of appeasement did not believe in this right in any moral sense. It was merely useful to their larger policy. Similarly, the House of Commons today is "practical" about Diego Garcia and Hong Kong and "principled" about the Falklands, Gibraltar and the West Bank.

Ulster is ironic, though, that while Thatcher cast herself into the mould of Churchill when she went to war for the Falklands, so far as her arguments are concerned then and now she

stands in the tradition of Neville Chamberlain.

If we take it as a lesson of Munich that there should not have been appeasement and that the British should not have allowed German claims to the Sudetenland, it follows that there can be more important things than the wishes of the people living in disputed territory when it comes to the choice of to which competing state their land belongs.

There is an obvious difference between Munich and the Falklands. The British position on the latter is to preserve the status-quo. In the former it was to back a change in the existing borders. This does not affect the point I'm making, however, about the principle of the matter. If you have overlapping claims of sovereignty and if the people in the middle do not wish to have their own independent nation state, then while their views as to their affiliation are important and their welfare and way of life need protection, the decision of sovereignty cannot be placed in their hands alone.

But not only is it the case in principle that the wish of the community in such situations of overlapping sovereignty, such as that of the Falklands, behind the scenes it never has been the case in practice. Claims to the contrary are demagogic a displacement rather than self-determination. It makes other motives. This was clear enough with Chamberlain. Thatcher is no exception.

The argument that matters, then, in Britain today, with respect to self-determination and the Falklands, has little to do with the Falklands and everything to do with Britain. Even the signature of the regime in Argentina is strictly speaking irrelevant. It is better if it is a democracy, it would be better still if its voters discarded the fantasy of a "greater Argentina" and sent away their generals to graze on the

economy is really disease, that the bloom in the patient's cheek is either the false flush of fatal illness or the flush of the Right receives every contradiction of its policies as evidence of being right on course.

Religion is not as central today as it used to be, but this is certainly not because we are a nation incapable of faith. To the contrary, it is our most opposite is true. Apparently our trouble is too much faith, not too little.

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FACE TO FAITH

Alistair Kee

MUCH of the present heated debate about religion and politics concerns faith and facts. If you are given the wrong time of day, even by a bishop, then you still miss your train. The casual observer might mistakenly

think that faith is something that religious people have, often used as a substitute for a careful sifting of evidence, while facts are at the disposal of politicians.

But what if things were the other way around, what if the new style conviction politics of Left and Right were guided by ideological faith, while religious leaders drew on inescapable and unpalatable facts?

The faith of the Left goes all the way back to Marx himself. Historical materialism has been awarded the accolade "scientific", but in the manner of a true faith it goes beyond any possible factual basis, and indeed is ap-

parently quite impervious to counter-evidence of the most factual kind.

Such faith is maintained despite apparent contradictions, but should what is true of religion be assumed to be true of the sphere of politics? Should political programmes not rather be more directly related to the facts before us, capable of being revised when contradicted? By all means discuss the proposition that communism will humanise society, but why should we take it on faith when the evidence to hand contradicts the faith?

And what of the new politics of the Right, are we not

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David Leavitt tells Nicholas de Jongh about how he came out amongst the West Coast liberals

In the territory of the betrayed

DAVID Leavitt dreaded his debut as a writer even though he had longed for it more than anything else. Three years ago when he was only 20 the New Yorker published his first short story *Territory* and he ran away to Europe to escape the clatter of excitement and interest which its publication caused.

How would his own liberal parents react to this story and its account of a west coast mother, whose well cultivated liberalism is tested and found wanting when her gay son brings his lover home to stay? Leavitt had warned his parents in advance of *Territory*. And he used the occasion to mark a double coming-out: both as homosexual and as a professional writer.

"I did not feel I had any choice," he says, speaking in London where he has come for the publication of his first volume of short stories, *Family Dancing*, which includes *Territory* the story that launched his career. "My loyalty who writing was first. I knew that ultimately I was not going to allow something as trivial as fear to stop my fierce desire to be a writer and to be read."

The reaction to this news from his father, a psychologist who teaches organisational behaviour at Stanford's business school, seems to have been beautifully balanced. "Gee, how very interesting," he said.

His mother, TO WHOM *Family Dancing* is dedicated took the news with less equanimity. "They were through the anxieties but very good and liberal. And now I feel very comfortable with them." Though after the story came out some of his mother's friends telephoned to say "Gloria I can't tell you how sorry I felt for the mother".

The public response to *Territory* was remarkable. The New Yorker told Leavitt that there was more fan-mail for him than any other of its writers in the past ten years. And with agents, editors and others abounding he was set for some sort of glory. He went on writing stories. But *Family Dancing* is not a set of gay short stories even though most of them have a gay character centre stage or peripheral.

"My main interest in the collection," Leavitt considers "was not to explore the gay

world. I was interested in looking at families and family systems." That word system-with its psychological nuance is revealing of his cool, scrupulous view of an upper middle-class American whose materialism and relentless seeking after success he clearly loathes.

But there is another concern, almost an obsession, which shows itself in most of the stories. In many of them the women are valiant or desperate wives, discarded in middle age by husbands who have gone suddenly off on the adultery route. And a single sentence in *Territory*, which refers to the hero's mother summarises one of *Family Dancing's* prime interests. All of them feel betrayed by husbands, by children, by history.

Leavitt is eager to talk about this and how often he has watched in his own upper middle class America, where he was reared as a "campus brat" at Stanford, restless husbands and fathers who vanished from home. It was something he wanted to create mothers who were valiant and desperate. I've witnessed that. And I was interested in the power balance of that generation."

He speaks of a last generation before feminism began to alter certainties and family arrangements or married women started to have careers. "That generation (and all the generations before them) suffered a grave injustice — they've been betrayed."

Justice is only now beginning to be done. So the women of *Family Dancing* are discovered in attitudes of making do: the central character in the book's title story leads a family dance where the father returns for a family party with his new woman and the mother mainly tries to persuade him onto the dance floor and back into her life. And in *Counting Months* a dying mother's courage is tested in a cancer party, ornamented with the trappings of success.

Leavitt concedes that his stories do have a gay perspective in the sense that his gay characters are members of these unhappy families. They are both involved in and removed from their familiar situations.

In *Territory*, where the mother's predicament is viewed as sympathetically as that of her son's, homosexuality comes into the family home and causes havoc be-

low the calm surface of things. And in the final story, *Dedicated*, which Leavitt recognises as a new departure for him, a different art of family is crafted with two young lovers and their woman friend whose life is spent in strange involvement with their emotional crises.

In America the book received the influential imprimatur of a rave review in the New York Times and has already sold some 15,000 copies. Perhaps as a result of this mainstream praise some sections of the gay literary world have responded with less enthusiasm to *Family Dancing*.

"I felt I got the cold shoulder from them and that they were saying 'who is this little whippersnapper'." But his success has meant that he has a sense of financial freedom to go on writing in New York.

Family Dancing by David Leavitt (Viking, Thursday, £3.95). David Leavitt talks to Nicholas de Jongh in the Institute of Contemporary Arts in Conversation series, Seminar Room 1.0 on Wednesday April 10.

LEAVITT: cool and scrupulous
Picture: Martin Argles

THE SEA OF FAITH by Don Cupitt (1984, BBI Publications £8.95). The book that underpinned the television reification of the spiritual odyssey and which had, the Guardian said at the time, "something interesting to say about religion to people who do not find religion interesting." In fact they are possibly the people who will find it most interesting because they will not have noticed that in their lifetime a different centre and a different purpose have been found for theological debate.

In Don Cupitt's scheme the shift has been away from the authentication of the mythical imperatives, and indeed of coherent dogmata, towards something like a theatre's frequent reinterpretations of classic texts — that is, "artist-theologians" emerge all the time to create different and more personal uses of the gospels. If this summary seems opaque and esoteric, it should be said that Cupitt is anything but and that he forges each link in the chain of his argument from the real world of Arnold, Kierkegaard, Schopenhauer, Freud and Jung, Schweitzer, Wittgenstein and other lusty swimmers in the cross currents of faith.

The Penguin Book of English Christian Verse ed. Peter Levi (1984, £4.95). As a tonic antidote to the insipidity of most hymns at Easter this anthology might very well provide the required bracing examples. Though Peter Levi regrets that nothing in English poetry nearly corresponds to John of the Cross, he is nevertheless able to include plenty of wildflowers of religious verse, the Herberts and Trahernes and Blake, and specifically Easter poems by Spenser, Chapman, Herbert, Vaughan, Blake etc. It seems to me a fine anthology though it makes me vaguely uneasy that there are no places for such great figures as Chaucer, Byron (from *Cain*), only the tiniest fragment from Shakespeare (the *Winter's Tale* might be a hunting ground perhaps?).

Don Cupitt: new currents of Faith

Alex Hamilton on the new paperbacks

Sea change

and nothing to represent: earlier days (*The Wanderer*), or *The Mystery Plays* (in a Tony Harrison translation after all?). But he has ventured forward into modern times, even borrowed Robert Lowell: could perhaps have added a chorus from Eliot's *Murder in the Cathedral*...? These are caveats though: any man who can remember Staley, Bewick, and Dylan Thomas for such an anthology must be on the side of the angels.

British Poetry Since 1945 ed. Edward Lucie-Smith (1979, revised 1985, Penguin £3.95). Difficult as it is to draw out the continuity of influences and connections in British poetry as if it were in segments like a telescope, Lucie-Smith makes a very convincing job of it. It's a more helpful anthology than most, locating each poet in his group — or, as a satellite, or solitary — and briefly setting context and visible influences.

The editor's effort to be as fairly and widely representative as his own blind spots

allow means that each poet is represented by only a few works, very often by a type of trademark or birdcall poem: in the introduction to this revised edition, Lucie-Smith sounds a faintly chastened note himself on noting that in the 15 years since the first edition the variety of expression has been the most surprising omission of all. Certainly one of the most technically accomplished and versatile of living poets, and as entertaining as the Liverpool poets Lucie-Smith has endorsed, he has shown a quite astonishing feat for his craft in recent years. If he'd found an up-to-date formula for the Yeatsian monkey-gland. This is the rarest of his virtuosity since the *Collected* came out in 1982.

Over poetry titles, in the new look Faber list, include three by Robert Lowell: *Life Studies* (1959), *For the Union Dead* (1968) and *Near and Ocean* (1967, £2.95). The *Streets of London* by Ben Green (1984, Pavilion £3.95). Guided tour through a largely vanished London, made up from the huge pile of photographs taken between 1980 and 1982 by a self-appointed archivist and free spirit called Charlie White, who worked for London Transport. His job was to compile local guides, but he took it on himself to make the whole capital his own as a poet, and his knowledge was prodigious. The guide to this wonderful nostalgic trip is Ben Green, a generous, tolerant, with all acute eye for the drama of change, and except for their common zeal for their subject very different from the secretive, scolding White.

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GLASGOW
Alastair Macaulay

Scottish Ballet

THE programme of three new works for the Scottish Ballet has a title: *Gut Reactions* from Bruce, Clark and Royston. This title, are, of course, the choreographers, Christopher Bruce, Michael Clark and Peter Royston, but I was not very sure what their guts had been reacting to. Still, between them they've produced a varied triple bill.

I didn't think anyone made ballets like Peter Royston's *Poecorants* any more. (And I hadn't been missing them.) I shan't tell you what happens. Royston has given his ballet enough subject matter: erotic, magical, sexual, religious, political — to name a novel, but he has got so little coherent dance material out of it that I ended up wanting even more story, just to keep me interested.

The expressive situations, the sexual and religious, and the sex and the oppression were all shown bluntly and none of them generated movement that was itself rewarding to follow. As movement, Paul Robinson's score for all three dances, in its accompaniment and stylistic variety, is too facile to propel narrative or motor dancing.

Remembered Dances has a cast of three couples. One woman — Elaine MacDonald, the Scottish prima — is featured in particular, either with other women or in duet with Christopher Long. The messages of misty communion, or of despair and desire, are fairly clear. MacDonald and her colleagues are effective in the dark shadows and rhythms of Bruce's style.

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line like the ballerina in Paglia. Moment by moment it's a romp and the punk-Romantic turns for the final passages are delicious. But it left me waiting for some eventual explosion or explosion that never took place. Clark isn't just an iconoclast. He's made a funny punk ballet about old ballet rather than he wanted to make some new whole that achieves some transcendence out of all the fun, the punk, the camp and the fragments, he hasn't quite brought it off this time.

DERBY
David Fanning

Simpson premiere

THERE can be little doubt that Robert Simpson's string quartets are the most significant contribution to the genre by any living composer. Records of his Seventh, Eighth and Ninth quartets are already spreading the message, and the Eleventh, premiered by the Cull Quartet at Derbyshire's Alfreton Hall, is a worthy successor to these. (I have yet to hear the Tenth.)

In its four interlinked movements the new work looks back some 35 years to Simpson's First Symphony and its simple scheme of tempo modulations. As in that work, a long scherzo seems to be taking on the force of a finale, but this time it suddenly dissolves into an extraordinarily sustained adagio. An extremely dry acoustic is not conducive to hushed remoteness, and this was a rare, uneasy passage for the Cull's spirited and dedicated players.

For all its characteristic clarity and directness, I fancy the Eleventh Quartet will take longer to assimilate than its predecessors. These days Simpson's music seems to derive its inner energy more from broad tonal planes than from broad tonal planes (placing him surprisingly close to Bartok). When this applies to large-scale musical paragraphs (rather than the compact variations of the Ninth Quartet), and particularly when the intervention is relentlessly developmental, as in the first movement of the Eleventh, the problems of comprehension are considerable.

However, the surface of the music is reassuringly familiar. The very plainness of the score is typical — few expressions mark other than all-pervasive accents, very few hints of dynamics, the lifeblood of the anti-theatrical Romantic/Expressionist tradition, extreme simplicity of surface rhythm, with any sense of adventure as a triplet line to have far-reaching consequences. Such economy disguises complex, large-scale processes which have to be felt and heard.

rather than seen: the restrictions paradoxically make possible the sense of freedom which is the single most inspiring feature of the Quartet's tradition, and the surest indication of Simpson's honourable place within it.

PORTSMOUTH
Meirion Bowen

String Quartet Competition

FEW HAD any doubts as to who would take first prize at the Portsmouth International String Quartet Competition. Both the audience vote and that of the panel of judges, led by Yehudi Menuhin, favoured the Alexander Quartet from New York.

Five quartets were selected for the finals, and they all had qualities. But the Alexander Quartet exceeded their rivals in technical finish, consistency of ensemble and musical insight. Above all, they all had qualities. But they were all good. But they were all good. But they were all good.

Each group here had to play a late or middle period Beethoven quartet, and the Alexander Quartet chose Opus 69 No. 3 in E minor. They attained a rare sense of mystery and expectation in the elliptical modulations and silent bars of the first movement, summoned warmth and severity for the scherzo movement, and a compelling gesture for the finale. Every change of tempo was geared perfectly to the dramatic implications of the music. This was the only performance in the entire session that managed to project the work as a whole. The Alexander Quartet is, I should guess, destined for greatness.

The choice of the Shanghai Quartet for second prize surprised me, though the judges may have taken into account their playing at earlier stages in the competition. Here, their realisation of the Quartet Opus 135 in F major seemed to me no more than competent. Many nuances of expression were missed. The violent passions smouldering inside an otherwise penial score hardly surfaced (as they should, for instance, at the start of the finale).

ICA
Nicholas de Jongh

Song Of The Claypeople

IMPACT Theatre has gone away. Songs of the Clay people, based apparently on a poem by Andrew Poppy and directed by the poet with Pete Brooks, resembles its recent recreation of a Russell Hoban novel. Here too we seem to be witnesses to a transformed future world.

Hugh Hebert reviews the weekend's TV

Heart strings

PSYCHIATRISTS have not had much of an image in television plays in the past few months. David Siegel's *Freud*, turned out to be an excellent money-grubbing, fame-seeking authoritarian. A little later Alan Howard gave us a far less famous doctor who was as limp and damp as a flat tyre in a cloud-burst.

You do sometimes get the feeling that all the caring professions really have it in for the shrinks. And last night there was David de Keyser as Dr Feldmann in *Duet For One* (BBC 1), endlessly sucking his throat lozenges and contemplating his shoes like a man long addicted to watching the grass grow around them. It was one of the two outstanding performances on the screen this weekend — I'm not counting the Grand National — and the other was Frances de la Tour in the main part of the same play.

I didn't see Tom Kempinski's stage version. But I can't believe that even in the tiny Bush Theatre where it started out it can have occupied its chosen space with more total conviction. Watching it on television, you had the feeling that it had come home. Which is not entirely a compliment, for the play itself leaves me a bit uneasy.

For one thing, it is really an unashamed though superior about a famous violinist who has developed multiple sclerosis, can no longer play, and is stunned not only by that massive deprivation but by doubts about her marriage to an equally famous composer.

She comes to the psychiatrist, she says, because sometimes she feels low, but is determined to re-define bravely across her shattered life.

That would be enough, without the attempt to make us understand the incomprehensible otherness of music.

You are just the same as my father, he says, "you both were playing the violin as a form of unemployment." The progress of the violinist's self-revelations is a bit too predictable — her sudden collapse at home, her thoughts of suicide, her bitterness against her father. How you do long to enter one of these anterooms of the soul and meet a character who nurses a secret hatred of someone's original sin.

And Kempinski does judge the ending in a way that is legitimate but leaves too many options. Two possibilities are quite enough on these occasions. That said, de la Tour's performance has a brimming wit, power and the capacity to move us. And despite the acute limitations of the role, de Keyser was in the same class.

There was music business of another order on the South Bank stage when Michael Crawford, aged 43, started life as a boy soprano and practicing the high wire for his return to Barnum. Must have thought several times he was about to return suddenly to the pristine conduct of Billy Bragg was ever a boy soprano, he conceals it very effectively. He thumps quite a convincing guitar, but his real art lies in a voice much like a rock practising alarm calls, a sound as appalling as it compels you to listen to the words.

With Bragg the songs are the words or they are nothing, sad or angry, highly committed to the causes of peace and ecology. Neve Crawford, who has been over-exposed, nor Bragg, could all at once whole hour. But given half each they did illuminate some of the extremes of current showbusiness: the professionalism and gift of Barnum in the West End, the public bar pop culture that Bragg aspires to on the road. *Tropical Moon* Over Dordogne (C4) couldn't fill out an hour either. The basic joke was moderately enjoyable, the first time round. The characters playing a true romance scene on the screen suddenly find themselves speaking a shopping list because Pauline Collins, their author, has let her mind wander, and the lovers turn and abuse her. As a person who is very affronted when a computer says hello, or congratulates me on pressing the right button, I know just how she felt. The of it, I am afraid, was a well acted waste of time.

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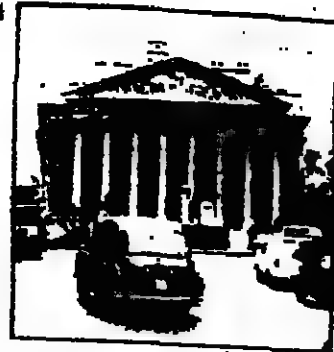
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ECONOMICS NOTEBOOK

Victor Keegan

IF I WERE to answer honestly, after carefully weighing up the pros and cons, I think I would have to admit that when it came to the crunch, life would be marginally more pleasant at the top of the Thatcherite incentives tree than at the bottom.

Item: Sir Peter Walters, chairman of BP (still partly owned by you and me) enjoyed a 32 per cent pay increase to £241,547 a year, a percentage increase also enjoyed by other board members. (Source: company report last week.)

Item: a clothing worker in the West Midlands working a 48-hour week for £29 was underpaid the equivalent of £2,000 a year by her employer, arrears which were successfully claimed back with the help of the wages inspectorate. (Source: Pay Unit report this morning.)

Item: Mr John Harvey-Jones, every Any Questions listener's ideal of the liberal-minded businessman, had a 68 per cent rise to £287,967 in line with "performance" increases given to the rest of the board.

Item: "It is a serious national evil that any class of His Majesty's subjects should receive less than a living wage in return of their utmost exertions. Where you have no organisation, no parity of bargaining, the good employer is under-

paid by the bad and the bad employer is underpaid by the worst." — Winston Churchill in 1909 (Hansard, April 28, 1909), on setting up Britain's minimum wage system which the present government wants to abolish (quoted in the same Low Pay Unit report).

These points are linked in that they are the extremes of a government pay policy, which has deliberately increased executive remuneration at the top of the scale through sharp increases in high marginal rates of taxation (so called performance bonuses geared to profitability are merely cream on top of the cake), while at the other end the government has made no secret of its fact that it wants to abolish wages councils which set minimum wages for the really low paid.

In an important sense high pay doesn't matter. By all accounts the chairman of ICI has made a very considerable personal contribution to ICI's huge surge in profitability. It is not his fault he is a human being. Had he been a piece of machinery, which

ICI had purchased for \$287,281 a year and which helped to generate a profit improvement of £100 million, there would be no question of his being paid £287,281 a year. For ICI he is cheap at twice the price.

But from the country's point there are some disturbing implications of the trend of the executive pay train. It is not just that the gap between the high and low paid has now got out of all proportion for anyone concerned with unfashionable concepts of fairness. Nor is it simply that there is a small but growing number of superpay producers super performance, which sort of decisions, pray, did Sir Peter Walters take last year, which would have been any different in quality if he hadn't had a £287,281 a year? Nor is it just that the beggar's neighbour pay salaries (already being seriously questioned even in the US) are becoming counter-incentive.

The cult of the super-executive, instantly transferable to another company, has led

to the absurd situation that a businessman hired on a solid four-year contract has an incentive to be fired in his first week so as to "collect" sooner. Such top salaries are generally approved by "non-executive" directors who are felt to give an independent view; but who are themselves the recipients of similar deals on their own boards similarly approved by non-executive directors. The trouble with the low paid is that they don't seem to have any non-executive directors.

The pay train has been sweetest for newly privatised directors who have, almost in a matter of days, increased to bring them up to the level of the private sector. Among the beneficiaries was Cable and Wireless which, not much more than five years ago, was famous (in nationalised state) for paying its chief executive less than its press officer (without any noticeable effect on performance since C and W has a long history of strongly rising profits).

All this is worrying, but at the end of the day the sums

involved are tiny in relation to national income. And if they deliver a higher than otherwise national cake then that may be justification enough. Two interrelated factors, however, do give rise for particular concern.

The unfashionable one is the distribution of wealth from the rich towards the poor. Mrs Thatcher has been adept at upwards redistribution to home owners and the existing rich. Capital taxes have been eased, high incomes taxes reduced and exchange controls abolished, enabling capital to be dispatched abroad far from the acquisitive hands of any future Alliance or Labour government.

Thus the historic justification for an incentives policy — allowing people to earn high incomes in order to have a higher than otherwise national cake which is then redistributed through "progressive" taxes on income and capital — is lost. The gap between rich and poor, already widening under the first Thatcher years, will get worse and worse.

Professor James Meade, the Nobel prize winner, calls (in an Institute of Economic Affairs paper published today) for a really radical reform of direct taxation and of the taxation of accumulated and inherited wealth, which would be clearly seen as an alternative approach to a more acceptable distribution of the increased national product that would result from full employment and wage restraint. But I doubt he would find many supporters in the government or the Institute of Economic Affairs for that.

The second related problem which has hardly been explored is the economics of high technology. In the past an increase in business and profits by the likes of ICI, BP and GEC would have led to an increase in employment. Nowadays even the most successful companies are in the business of reducing employment. The time is not far off when robots will take over and automated factories will be the norm. Then when demand increases, instead of labour

being taken on and overtime working increasing, the chain of events will involve digital signals being sent from automated factories to automated suppliers. The benefits of an increase in value added will go disproportionately to profits. Ownership, whether by multinationals, pension funds, government or individuals, will become even more important.

But long before mass automation — still a decade or two off — hits us, Mrs Thatcher may face a social backlash. The only justification in social terms of widely increasing wage and wealth disparities is if those so paid deliver for the whole community. The reduction of present pay policies — paying the well-heeled ever more in order that they may squeeze those already on the precipice of poverty into even lower wages — can only be justified if it is seen to be a necessary short-term measure to produce greater wealth for all. Four million people have waited time enough.

Forecast of 4pc growth — the best for 12 years

CBI predicts output boom

By David Simpson, Business Correspondent

The Government's economic policies receive strong support today from the latest report by the Confederation of British Industry, which is forecasting that 1985 will witness the greatest growth in output for 12 years.

The CBI predicts that industrial production will rise by 4 per cent this year, partly reflecting a recovery in the wake of the miners' strike, but with an underlying 3 per cent growth rate.

The forecast by the CBI's economists, based on the March industrial trends survey, compares with the confederation's estimate of 3.2 per cent growth in 1984.

growth in 1985 made at the time of its last survey in January.

The central factor behind the predicted rise in economic output are increasing investment spending, consumer demand and, above all, a buoyant level of exports from the UK.

The March survey indicates that UK companies now have their best level of export orders for eight years and the CBI concludes that UK exports are set to rise in 1985 at a greater pace than the increase in the level of world trade.

The CBI attributes this recovery to the competitiveness of the pound as a result of its weakness against other international currencies. It remains to be seen, however, whether the

sudden devaluation of the dollar, because of problems within the US banking system and the lower rate of economic growth, will begin to affect UK exports negatively.

On Friday sterling, together with other currencies, made further headway against the dollar, and the pound closed in New York at \$1.9485, 1.3 cents up on the London close. The dollar expected to slide further this week, one further short-term repurchase will be followed by the moves made by the Federal Reserve Bank and the Bank of England and prime their base rates by half a percentage point to 13 per cent.

The CBI's forecast of the best rate of economic growth

since 1973 is anticipated to do little if anything for the UK's unemployment level.

All told, the confederation estimates that some 370,000 new jobs will be created through a 4 per cent rise in output, but these will be balanced by the number of school leavers coming on to the market, leaving the unemployment level just about unchanged.

One more positive prognosis for employment comes today from the London Business School, which suggests that the measures introduced in the budget could create a net 300,000 new jobs over the lifetime of the present government.

New services launched by BA and B-Cal

Britain's two leading airlines, British Airways and B-Cal, swapped routes at the weekend as part of an expansion programme.

BA is flying to South America and B-Cal to Saudi Arabia in a deal thrashed out by the government during a bitter dispute between the two airlines last year. Today BA launches 13 new services from London and other regional airports in the UK. Yesterday B-Cal started 20 extra flights a week from Gatwick.

BA flights to Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Bogota and Caracas start from Heathrow today with new routes starting later to Tampa, Orlando and Pittsburgh in the United States. There will be five new services from Manchester, including flights to New York, and

new services from Scotland, Birmingham and Jersey.

B-Cal has launched 13 weekly flights from Gatwick to Jeddah and Dhahran. The first service yesterday had aviation minister Mr Michael Spicer on board. In May B-Cal will also begin its new Gatwick to London service.

The decision to allow B-Cal to take over BA's profitable Saudi Arabia routes came after the independent airlines launched a campaign to have its rival shut down before privatisation.

The effect of the swap, agreed as a peace formula by the government, was said to be worth around £15 million additional profit to B-Cal, which in turn would give up its loss-making South American services.

Motor components lift profit at Laird group

By Robin Stedard

Laird, the transport engineer, raised profit strongly last year despite the slowdown in railway equipment exports to the Far East. The motor component subsidiaries in Germany, France and the United States made an outstanding contribution and, along with the recovery in returns on specialist parts for Rolls-Royce car engines, this enabled the group's profit on transport systems to be more than made up.

Sales rose only modestly to £18.4 million, from £18.3 million, but this was in the face of a near £16 million reduction to £30.7 million in train sales as the Hong Kong Mass Transit contract was completed. In the absence of a big new order from Singapore or other mar-

kets, redundancies were necessary and their cost was partly responsible for the drop in the divisional profit to £5.54 million, from £11 million.

Group pre-tax profit nevertheless advanced to £24.1 million, from £21.1 million previously, led by the British sealings products activities on the Continent. Rapid recovery from the June metalworkers strike in Germany enabled profit to rise by 27 per cent to £3.6 million — more than three times as fast a rate of increase as the main line in the United States scored a good advance which was further boosted by the strong dollar.

Shareholders are to receive a final dividend of 3.5p net a share, or 2.5p, making the total 5.5p against 5p. Earnings rose to 20.7p a share.

Danes come to market

By our Financial Staff

Laurence Pratt, the stockbroker firm that has been involved in negotiations with several international banks who have not yet linked up with a London broker ahead of the new stock market trading arrangements, is bringing a Danish-backed investment fund on to the market later this month. After continental

soundings, the United States banking group Bankers Trust is thought to be the most likely choice as LP's partner.

Hellerup Scandinavian Fund is at present open for subscription, with the Danish bank providing underwriting of £1 million minimum capital. Hellerup Bank's Isle of Man subsidiary will operate the unit-trust fund.

Money turmoil knocks the bottom out of tin

COMMODITIES

Robin Stainer

MEMBER governments of the International Tin Council (ITC) have effectively decided that the drop price for the metal — defended by intervention buying and an export quota system — no longer has to be protected at all cost. Their representatives meeting in London late last week accepted a proposal from the ITC's buffer stock manager, Mr Pieter de Koning, that he should be allowed to operate flexibly in the market which could mean allowing the price on the Malaysian market in Kuala Lumpur to drop below the minimum of Malaysia's \$29.15 a kilo set under the International Tin Agreement (ITA).

Mr de Koning, who carried out the ITC's price-support operations, was keen to emphasise that this should not be taken as a sign of weakness and that one should be in any doubt that he could defend any price he wished. Simply, recent currency movements meant that the rigid defence of the floor — roughly equivalent to a price of \$29.50 a tonne on the London Metal Exchange (LME) — did not always make commercial sense.

The buffer stock manager has succeeded in stopping the floor from being breached during the past few years of huge oversupply in the market. The cost of this support, however, has been direct contributions from ITC governments and bank loans — has been enormous.

Mr de Koning's job has been made particularly difficult by the fact that there are two markets for tin — the LME and Kuala Lumpur — and that the latter has been particularly successful in attracting tin from the Far East, especially sterling, decline against the Malaysian dollar over the past year or so. Because of the vagaries of the tin market, the price of tin in London, until the past few days, has been about the same as the Kuala Lumpur

price and the ITC, despite frequent intervention on the LME, had not been able to achieve parity.

Japanese and other Far Eastern buyers were actually finding it cheaper to buy in London and then ship the metal home, with the result that the stock manager had often been the only buyer in Kuala Lumpur. This had proved a drain on his funds, especially as he often had to sell on the LME in order to ensure the liquidity needed to carry out his support buying.

Not only have these operations resulted in losses — reliably estimated at as much as £20 million over the past year — but they were patently unfair. Malaysian smelters have been selling refined local and Australian ore in Kuala Lumpur, mostly to the buffer stock manager, at a premium price. Other producers, like Indonesia and Thailand, prevented from using Kuala Lumpur, where only locally produced material is deliverable — had to sell on the LME.

When the differential between the two markets was at its greatest, a few months ago, these producers were receiving nearly 2,000 a tonne less for their tin than if they had been able to use Kuala Lumpur.

Mr de Koning first proposed a year ago that he should be allowed to operate below the floor in Kuala Lumpur, but the idea was opposed by Malaysia. Other ITA signatories also doubted the legality of approving a measure that would allow the minimum price set by the ITA to be breached.

However, the ITA states that the buffer stock manager must buy tin on "recognised markets" — which are specified as Kuala Lumpur and the LME — with the objective of defending the floor.

According to ITC delegates, the buffer stock manager argued that he had not been able to achieve this goal in London, and there had been no legal repercussions, so he could not see any persuasive objections. In his having greater freedom regarding his operations in the East in this respect, he was backed by ITC

Some producers — and not just Malaysia — were resistant, because of the fear that a floating floor price, which is the effective result of last week's decision, would shatter confidence in the ITC and possible trigger a concerted attack by the trade to smash it and so send prices crashing. According to market experts, the price of tin could be as much as half its present level if the ITC was not there to prop it up.

Fortunately for producers, the ITC has kept the market under its control, despite the enormous problems of the past few years. These include the structural decline in consumption, as aluminium and other materials have made inroads into tin's traditional markets, rising production during the recession and unrestricted exports by countries that are not members of the ITC — like Brazil — and therefore not subject to quota controls. US sales of tin from its strategic stockpile, managed by some miners to bypass ITC export limits have also made the ITC's job difficult.

However, consumption is now increasing — albeit from a very low base — and export controls are imposing restraints on production and at long last tightening supply lines. Surplus world stocks, the buffer stock held by the ITC, have fallen by about 30,000 tonnes from their peak of more than 90,000 a year or so ago, as the buffer stock manager has released metal to meet the supply deficit.

Moreover, Mr de Koning's serious problems over the differential in price between the two markets for tin have come to an end, within the past week. Following the pound's strong recovery, the LME price of tin is now at parity with that on the Kuala Lumpur market, which has moved up from \$29.15 for the first time since November.

The buffer stock manager will want to maintain this recently established parity, even if that means letting the price drop below \$29.15.

US resists EEC move for monetary reform

From Alex Brummer in Washington

The US Treasury Secretary, Mr James Baker, has made it clear that the Reagan administration will resist any effort by the Common Market to link a new round of trade talks with international monetary reform.

Reports from European capitals in the last few days have suggested that the EEC countries will seek to block the so-called "Reagan Round" of trade talks at the Bonn economic summit in May unless President Reagan expresses his willingness to take effective steps to deal with the volatility of the dollar.

But in an interview with the Washington Post, Mr Baker rejected the European calls for a new study of the international monetary system. Earlier

Mr Baker, who is relatively inexperienced in the world of international finance, had hinted that the US might be interested in reshaping the currency system.

"The final say" on trade and international monetary reforms "will be the President's at the summit" in Bonn, Mr Baker said. "But it is our view that the 'two should not be linked. And everybody else, I think it's fair to say, is in favour of a new (trade) round without preconditions."

President Reagan called for a new trade round in his State of the Union speech in early February. The idea was endorsed by Mrs Thatcher in her speech to Congress later in the month.

Mr Baker appeared convinced that the recent decline in the dollar on the foreign exchanges showed that the markets were working as they should. He said: "What you've seen happen, in my view at least, is you've seen the market work." He suggested that the recent decline in the dollar was due to the protective slowdown in the American economy and the scare caused by the Ohio banking problems.

The dollar has fallen some 9 per cent against the currencies of the US's major trading partners since March 8 and has fallen particularly heavily against the pound sterling. But US officials are convinced that, while the dollar will remain below its peaks of earlier this year, its overall strength will be maintained.

Meade calls for pay tribunals

By our Financial Editor

Professor James Meade, the Nobel prize-winning economist, calls for a system of pay tribunals to which pay disputes would be referred. This is part of a middle way he charts between free collective bargaining and a full incomes policy, in a new paper, *Wages Fixing Revisited*, published today by the Institute for Economic Affairs.

Professor Meade starts from the need to find some way of reducing unemployment from its present level of 13 per cent. He argues that we know how to boost demand by Keynesian fiscal expansion, but it is not so simple to increase production and productivity in the wages of those already in work, something has to be done to bring the unemployed into jobs.

He argues that a fiscal boost to demand should therefore be accompanied by steps to curb labour monopolies, ideally confining trade unionism to independent company unions.

His pay tribunals would be independent and would be charged with the aim of promoting employment in making their awards. They should look at the supply and demand for labour, and make a single decision between the union claim and the company offer by granting one or the other. The ideal criterion would be which side's wage rate would be more likely to promote employment in the sector concerned. But the basic purpose would be to remove the inequality of bargaining power between a single employer and a large number of competing employees.

Professor Meade looks at other additional measures such as the inflation tax proposed by Professor Richard Layard, and favoured by the Social Democrats. He looks at the "share economy" — the idea that by paying workers a share in the income of the employer, rather than just in wages, companies would be encouraged to boost output and take on more labour to do so. And he sketches this idea of labour-capital partnerships where employees are paid in part in shares of their employer.

Finally, he accepts that his blueprint is utopian, but argues that it is only by setting it out that people can be persuaded that there is need for change in the way wages are fixed at present.

The Laird Group

PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

Results 1984

	Year to 31 December 1984 £'000	Year to 31 December 1983 £'000
Turnover	318,405	305,519
Profit before taxation	24,115	21,078
Taxation	(7,882)	(7,469)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	16,233	13,609
Extraordinary items	(788)	(4,575)
Profit for the financial year	15,445	8,730
Dividends	(4,318)	(3,926)
Retained profit for the financial year	11,147	4,804
Earnings per Ordinary Stock Unit	20.7p	17.3p
Net dividend per Ordinary Stock Unit	5.5p	5.0p
Dividend cover	3.8	3.5
Net assets per Ordinary Stock Unit	137.9p	112.7p

Dividend
A final dividend of 3.2p net is recommended. This will increase the total dividend for the year from 5p net for 1983 to 5.5p net for 1984.

Analysis of turnover and profit

	1984 £'000	Profit £'000	1983 £'000	Profit £'000
Sealing systems	71,417	9,808	85,810	7,557
Service industries	37,914	5,418	66,845	2,587
Specialist engineering	78,333	3,420	76,404	(254)
Transport systems	80,741	5,558	36,480	11,034
	318,405	23,928	305,519	20,934
Net interest		133		144
Profit before taxation		24,115		21,078

Taxation
The taxation charge includes overseas taxation of £4.0 million (1983 £2.8 million).

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ISSUES OF GOVERNMENT STOCK

The Bank of England announces that Her Majesty's Treasury has created on 29th March 1985, and has issued to the Bank, additional amounts as indicated of each of the Stocks listed below:

£250 million 10½ per cent EXCHEQUER STOCK, 1997
£500 million 9½ per cent CONVERSION STOCK, 2004

The price paid by the Bank on issue was in each case the middle market closing price of the relevant Stock on 29th March 1985 as certified by the Government Broker.

In each case, the amount issued on 29th March 1985 represents a further tranche of the relevant Stock, ranking in all respects pari passu with that Stock and subject to the same terms and conditions of issue as the initial tranche. Details of the prospectus for 10½ per cent of the Stock, dated 14th October 1977 and of the prospectus for 9½ per cent of the Stock, dated 14th October 1977, are available from the Bank of England, New Issues, Watling Street, London, EC4M 3AA.

Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for each further tranche of stock to be admitted to the Official List.

The Stocks are repayable at par, and interest is payable half-yearly, on the dates shown below:

Stock	Redemption date	Interest payment dates
10½ per cent Exchequer Stock, 1997	21st February 1997	21st February 21st August
9½ per cent Conversion Stock, 2004	28th October 2004	28th April 28th October

The further tranche of 10½ per cent Exchequer Stock, 1997, will rank for a full six months' interest on 21st August 1985. Dealings in the further tranche of 9½ per cent Conversion Stock, 2004, for settlement prior to 29th April 1985, will be in commutation with the existing Stock, be offered on an ex-dividend basis.

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29th March 1985

Tom King appeals to unions to try a little wage restraint. The TUC's free collective bargainers grow increasingly unhappy at the workings of the market. Suddenly, says JOHN TORODE, incomes policy is back on everybody's agenda

Little by little . . . wage restraint is in vogue

WORKING BRIEF

John Torode

THE BEAUTY of the free market is — for those who believe in such things — that you wind it up and watch it go. Enlightened self-interest is all. You sell your coal, your BL Minis or your microchips at the price the market will bear. It is your duty to do so. The Invisible Hand ensures that rewards are channelled in the right direction.

The same thesis must logically apply to free collective bargaining, which is why, no doubt, this government claims to espouse it.

Thatcherites identify the moment Ted Heath started to go wrong with the moment he bought all that interventionist, Labour party stuff about wage restraint, incomes policy and the rest.

In context, the remarks at the Conservative Central Council in Newcastle some days ago bear further consideration. Mr Tom King, the Employment Secretary, used the occasion, "perversely perhaps," to give his audience, to preach to the unions on the virtues of wage restraint.

If union leaders wished to ensure the budget had a "substantial" impact upon the unemployment figures, they could do so, Mr King said "by behaving in their wage negotiations with moderation and good sense." If, instead, they persist in trying to extract ever higher wage increases then we will not get the extra jobs and they, the unions, will be to blame. And so on and so forth.

In other words, powerful unions should not maximise their market advantage because it would damage — not so much themselves, but the unemployed. They should exercise restraint in the general interest. They should, in short, act as if we had an incomes policy. Forget all this nonsense about enlightened self-interest and the free market. Just pretend and all will be well.

Mr King might reply (I have not asked him) that there is no

free market in labour. Union monopoly power has seen to that. Why else, with knuckling on four million unemployed, do wages continue to rise faster than employment? Why else — he might ask — the loss-making National Coal Board, at the victorious end of a strike and dedicated to shedding labour, seriously considering a wage increase rather than a 1926 style unilaterally imposed wage cut?

To which the short answer can only be: Quite so. There is no free market in labour and those who pretend that there is are up a gum tree. Quite apart from that one third of the labour force employed directly or indirectly by the state — teachers, miners, civil servants and so forth — it is between having a bad incomes policy and having a good one. At present we have an incomes policy based on three elements: high unemployment, discrimination against the government's own employees and a great deal of tireless ministerial exhortation. Monetarism was meant to make all this unnecessary, but, unfortunately, it has not quite worked out like that.

Sir Ian Gilmour (Tory MP, Chesham and Amersham) made the point in the course of the budget debate. He said: "The choice, of course, is not between having an incomes policy and not having one; it is between having a bad incomes policy and having a good one. At present we have an incomes policy based on three elements: high unemployment, discrimination against the government's own employees and a great deal of tireless ministerial exhortation. Monetarism was meant to make all this unnecessary, but, unfortunately, it has not quite worked out like that."

Sir Ian went on to suggest that past incomes policies had failed because they were introduced at times of national crises and as part of a restrictive package. Further, they interfered with differentials. But, introduced by "negotiated consent" at the beginning of "a real recovery and as an indispensable part of the strategy to achieve it" things would be entirely different.

Hansard does not record the expressions on the faces of Mr Neil Kinnock nor of Mr Roy Hattersley, the Shadow Chancellor, at this exposition of

the (closed) Labour case. Instead the amazingly dry Nicholas Budgen asked if he could explain how a long standing incomes policy could avoid interfering with differentials. To which Sir Ian replied, quick as a flash: "I could if I wanted to go into detail."

Whereupon Dennis Skinner observed that this government did, indeed have an incomes policy. "It is based upon having a reservoir of unemployment in order to try to depress the wages of the workers." At which point the House moved on to more serious matters.

Meanwhile, the silence from Labour's front benches is resounding. That cannot be because the Labour leadership actually believes in free collective bargaining nor yet because Kinnock and Hattersley are cowards. In the 1970s Kinnock was one of the few left wing Labour MPs who accepted the need for some form of structured incomes policy. It took a deal of courage for a young Lefty to take such a stance.

As for Mr Hattersley, a former Prices and Incomes Secretary, he is remembered, he has been consistently brave and open in his support for wage and price planning. His position has always been that prices and incomes policy should not be seen as some gift from unions to "their" government. To Hattersley, price and incomes policy is not a sacrifice on the part of the unions. It is a benefit, a positive good.

Those unions which banged on loud about free collective bargaining under the last Labour Government have also gone suspiciously silent. The National Union of Public Employees, the Transport and General Workers and the rest, the ones which wrecked the Hattersley / Healey incomes policy and with it, the Callaghan government are now living with the alternative. Call it free bargaining, as Mrs Thatcher does, or call it "a bad incomes policy" as Sir Ian did, it matters relatively little. Whatever the label on the box, the free market medicine and they are looking for a sweeter-tasting elixir from Labour.



John Bullock . . . a long way from his first job at seven and six a week. Picture by E. Hamilton West

Andrew Cornelius meets the man about to take up one of the most testing jobs in accountancy

A profession turned inside out

BUSINESS PEOPLE

ACCOUNTANCY is fun and exciting. Who says so? Mr John Bullock, the enthusiastic 52-year-old who next month takes on one of the most challenging accountancy jobs in the world. His appointment as senior UK partner of the Deloitte Haskins and Sells worldwide accountancy business comes as the profession is being turned inside out by the rapid changes in the financial services sector. He effectively becomes chairman of a UK financial services business with a turnover of £70 million each year, run by 250 partners, and with 3,500 employees.

Accountancy firms increasingly see merchant banks, consultancy firms, lawyers and actuaries, as their main competitors as business moves away from traditional audit work. These days 10 per cent of the professionals employed by leading firms such as Deloitte are not qualified accountants. Lunchtime chatter is more likely to be about the success of the firm's latest advertising campaign than the introduction of a new inflation accounting standard.

Mr Bullock will set in train the first of a series of changes aimed at bringing the corpo-

rate status of Deloitte closer to that of a publicly listed company when he takes over. From May 1, Deloitte 250 partners will appoint a board of directors, which will come up for re-election each year. The partners will also form a shareholders' committee to comment on the board's performance.

Later this year, Deloitte will produce an annual report for the partners and staff which will include all the operating information found in a normal company report. But Mr Bullock stresses that this will not be a full set of accounts. One of the ironies of the accountancy world is that the one document a firm like Deloitte will not produce is a full set of accounts for the business.

There will also be some changes of function at partner level. In future, the managing partner will concentrate on the internal management of the business, while the deputy senior partner will concentrate on external relations with clients.

Until recently, the partnership structure has been regarded as sacrosanct by accountancy firms because of the emphasis it places on an independent professional putting his reputation on the line when he handles clients' affairs. But the recent vogue for raising auditors, particularly in the American capital, has prompted accountancy firms to think again. Arthur

Dangeron faces two claims for damages totalling £350 million over its auditing of the accounts of the failed De Lorean car company in Belfast, while Ernst & Young is threatened with a writ following the Dublin Government's rescue of the Insurance Corporation of Ireland.

Deloitte has been lucky and has no outstanding claims of this nature. But Mr Bullock says: "This is the sort of thing that senior partners think about when they go to bed at night and worry about when they wake up in the morning."

Although the leading firms take out an indemnity insurance against such claims the premiums would become sky high if one huge case was proved in the courts. "In theory, I could do this job for seven years and then be wiped out by one claim like this," Mr Bullock says.

The partnership structure also makes it difficult for accountancy firms to compete with other financial services groups in recruiting top staff. Senior management in the large financial services groups face none of the risks of the partners in a large accountancy firm, but often have the benefit of stock options based on company performance.

No details of Mr Bullock's salary are made available by the partnership. But he is confident that he is paid on a par with a similar position in

industry and also takes a share of any profits made by the firm. A flat in London, chauffeur driven car, and a lot of late nights and travel also go with the job.

All this is a far cry from Mr Bullock's first job in accountancy as a 16-year-old articled clerk with a tiny firm in the West End of London. Then he was paid 7s 6d and was very much the office junior.

Why did he become an accountant? "I was very good at numbers at school," he says, "and a friend of the family suggested that accountancy would be a good thing for me."

His smartest move was to specialise in management consultancy in the 1960s and 1970s. In the past, Deloitte had chosen its partners from the audit area which dominated the business, but as the amount of management consultancy work grew so too did the status afforded to consultants.

Last year Deloitte began discussions with Price Waterhouse for a \$2 billion merger to create the world's biggest accountancy firm. Mr Bullock says that he is disappointed that such an "imaginative" proposal was eventually turned down last December after a vote by the 4,000 partners of the two firms throughout the world.

At the time the Deloitte UK partners were thought to have voted against the merger, Mr Bullock toes the agreed line and says that he cannot give

any details of how the voting went. The upshot is that Deloitte is putting into place the alternative plan for the business which was held on ice while the merger talks continued.

Mr Bullock still believes that Deloitte must grow, either organically or by acquisition. He has earmarked any area where independent business advice is required as a target for expansion. "In the long term, the market will tend to have a number of large firms providing a wide range of business services based on the audit base," he says. Deloitte has already pinpointed personal financial planning, management consultancy (which is growing at 25 per cent each year), taxation and computer consultancy as potential growth areas.

Possible takeover targets would include firms of commercial, lawyers and actuaries. Mr Bullock concedes that Deloitte could also encroach on the corporate advice role of the leading merchant banks, but has ruled out the fund raising and market-making functions.

In the meantime, Mr Bullock will concentrate on making Deloitte number one in the accountancy world. He argues that you can always tell "a Deloitte man." How? He would be enthusiastic about the firm and what he is doing. "Mr Bullock says, as he rushes off to his next appointment."

SPORT

W. J. Weatherby in New York

Curry in a hurry at middleweight

BOXING

Donald Curry served notice on the middleweight division on Saturday that a major world contender has arrived. The young WBA world welterweight champion's fight with James "Hard Rock" Green in Dallas ended controversially in the second round, but by then Curry had already shown himself the master.

A leading fighter who moves up in weight usually takes on an easy opponent at first, but Curry showed his confidence by choosing to fight a top contender. A short, burly boxer who bulls forward continuously, Green tried these tactics on Curry only to find the champion was able to meet him head-on and outmanoeuvre and out-punch him.

At the start of the second round, Curry drove Green backwards and had him in serious trouble with a brilliant flurry of combinations, when Green suddenly held his eyes and walked away, claiming to have been thumped. The referee, Dick Cole, immediately stopped the fight, as a stand-

ing eight count is not mandatory in Texas.

It was a lucky escape from further punishment for Green, because Curry was obviously ready to finish him off. Curry had chosen Green partly because he had given John Mugabi, the undefeated Ugandan middleweight, one of his toughest fights. Although Mugabi has the incredible record of 27 knock-outs in 27 fights, Curry thinks Mugabi would be a "piece of cake," probably because the Ugandan has only a weak defence.

A win over Mugabi would make Curry a natural challenger to the winner of the Hagler-Bernard battle on April 15. But before devoting himself to the middleweight division, Curry wants to satisfy the world welterweight title by beating the WBC champion, Milton McCrory — if Curry can make the weight without weakening himself.

Until the crews had clashed and been restarted near Remembrance Club, Oxford, won by the Women's Boat Race, three seconds over Cambridge from the regatta finish to Temple Island at Henley yesterday.

This close race ended Cambridge's run of five wins and makes the score in the present series 15-5 to Cambridge. The Cambridge women's lightweight beat Oxford after training on the "Cambridge diet," which consists largely of powdered soups.

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Canterbury	3	10	11	1	1	1	1	1	1
Wellington Forest	3	10	11	1	1	1	1	1	1
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came for and missed Preece's hanging cross, ended Ipswich's first domination of the match in 30 minutes and started one of Linton's last appearances.

Linton locked Nicholas or Gale to set Ipswich in a similar problem by pulling Stein back and pushing the worthless Nawajobi further down the counter-attack, which was aided by two more forward players, worked. Osman made a mistimed clearance it was Breaker, who set up another Nawajobi job. Butcherer brought his formation back to half run under his foot for Hartford to place an immediate late shot past Cooper for his eighth goal in 12 League games.

Linton go to Southampton and Coventry this week and need, on this form, to finish neither. Ipswich their confidence fading, must be kept from dismaying dismissal month compounded by twin Cap exits. The nearly-men of the early-Eighties champion-ship races are now sliding down with the Second Division.

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Rangers-Celtic reserve match — and after it, with Celtic winning 3-2, there were clashes outside the ground which led to 22 arrests.

● George McCuskey, the League striker, turned down a transfer to Dundee United at the weekend after the clubs had agreed a £50,000 fee.

● Verona increased their lead in Italy to six points by drawing with Sampdoria Genoa while Inter Milan at Torino, their closest rivals but lost. Juventus rose to second after winning 2-0 in the Turin derby.

FIXTURES

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STRAINING FOR EFFECT . . . Spurs' Brooke battles with Gibson of Villa.
Picture by Tommy Hindley

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 11:00 News: Down Your Way in 70-
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 11:05 Poetry Please. Verse requests.
 11:20 News: You and Yours.
 11:27 King Street Junior by Jim Ed-
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 11:30 The World as One: News.
 11:40 The Archers.
 11:45 News: Woman's Hour. From
 London. More on serial 31.
 11:50 What do teenagers read?
 12:00 News: Afternoon Play: Muggers.
 Crime drama by Allan Prior.
 12:05 Study of Characters. Christopher
 Matthews hovers about Dover.
 12:40 Story Time: A Gun for Sale by
 Graham Greene (1).
 12:55 News: Midlands.
 1:00 The Six O'Clock News.
 1:20 Nineteen Ninety-Four. Futuristic
 comedy with Robert Lindsay (2).
 2:00 News: The Archers.
 2:20 Six Women. 6: Toyah Wilcox.
 Doing it Her Way.
 2:45 Science Now.
 3:15 The Monday Play: Frosted Glass
 by Jane Beeson. Emotional prob-
 lems of a teenage girl.
 3:20 Behind the Scenes with actor
 Robert Tear.
 3:45 Kaleidoscope: Interviews with
 artist John Piper, the Arts and
 the Chairman of the Arts Council.
 4:10 15 A Book at Bedtime: The Magic
 Tapsoph by Angela Carter (1).
 4:15 The World Tonight.
 11:15 The Financial World Tonight.
 11:30 Today in Parliament.
 11:45 News: weather; shipping.

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